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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Chou's Mission

MR Chou En-lai has now reached Budapest in the course of his tour of East Europe. It is worth noting that he has singled out two of the six satellites—Poland and Hungary—for talks, excluding Czechoslovakia, Albania, Bulgaria and Rumania. By a coincidence an East German delegation was in Moscow at the time of his visit there and following a meeting between the two groups a fairly hucknosed communique emerged which contained no surprise. Herein, it is worth recalling, is a devoted exponent of Stalinism, and his loyalty to Moscow has never been questioned.

A similar type of communique may emerge from Mr Chou's talks with the Soviet puppet in Hungary, Janos Kadar, another trusted stooge, though if it is to be released for local consumption it may place greater emphasis on imperialist machinations overseas and skip lightly over such questions as Soviet leadership of the Communist bloc and the "gallant role of the Russian Army in suppressing the Fascist-Imperialist disturbances in Hungary".

MR Chou in a speech yesterday admitted mistakes by the past Hungarian Government (since purged) and in economic co-operation between Hungary and Russia. But this is as far as he is prepared to go; the mistakes will be rectified, he adds, and he even seems to admit that popular dissatisfaction was justified, but he relegates the revolt to a minor reaction and after a parting slap at the United States for interference in Hungarian affairs wishes the country happier days and closer ties with the Soviet Union.

The communique issued after Mr Chou's talks with the Polish Communist chief, Mr Vladislav Gomulka, however, provides more interest. Agency reports say the joint communique made no mention of Soviet leadership of the Communist bloc. Mr Chou is reported to approve the Polish road to socialism (as distinct, presumably, from the Soviet, Yugoslav or Chinese "roads") but then splits hairs in a speech in Warsaw a few hours later by proclaiming "there is only one road to socialism but it may be developed to suit varied conditions".

Mr Gomulka's libel at United States economic pressure in Middle East was a little unwise in view of the forthcoming talks on the sale of American subsidised surplus farm produce to Poland, but on the whole this communique seems to have been drafted with much greater care and discretion than those usually emanating from interbloc meetings.

Death Sentence For Brutal Murder

London, Jan. 16. Morris Clarke, a 27-year-old lorry driver was sentenced to death here today for battering a 57-year-old farmer to death on his farm near here last October.

According to the prosecution Clarke, who had debts of £1,000, used a wooden slave to smash in the skull of Arthur Johnson, "a quiet, kindly man," threw the body into a dyke and stole £600 from a safe in his house.

Clarke said in his defence that a fight started when he accused Johnson, "a bigger man than me," of carrying on with his wife.

Passing the death sentence the judge said the circumstances of the case were "so dreadful that you should not count on some other sentence being substituted."

Since recent moves to amend Britain's hanging laws it has been the practice not to carry out death sentences.

Johnson disappeared from his farm on October 17 and was found dead in a foetid dyke ten days later after a huge police search of the area.

China Mail Special.

US TEXTILE CONTRACTS FOR HK

Fancy Shirts And Cotton Wear Worth \$12 Mill FIRST ORDER OF ITS KIND

By VICTOR SU

Contracts worth approximately HK\$12 million have been concluded for the manufacture of Hongkong fancy shirts and other cotton wear for the American market it was revealed this morning by Mr Lee Sen-hung, one of the Colony's leading textile industrialists.

The contracts, the first of their kind, are to be regarded as a trial order, said Mr Lee, who added that his group of textile interests was considering the formation of a syndicate to handle future business which, he thought, might be of a tremendous magnitude.

The introduction of Hongkong-made shirts into the American market was viewed as a competitive challenge to the Japanese textile industry which hitherto has supplied a substantial proportion of fancy and sports shirts, as well as other cotton and artificial silk garments imported by the United States.

Under the terms of the Hongkong contracts, American and Pakistani raw cotton will be used. It will be spun and woven in Hongkong mills, as well as dyed and printed in multi-colour designs.

Styles to suit American buyers have been provided by the US import company handling the deal. The shirts and other commodities will be tailored by several Hongkong mills.

British-designed machines will be used for fully shrinking the material before tailoring.

To date letters of credit amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars have been received and production work has already started.

It is expected the complete order will be fulfilled within the next six months.

Mr Lee Sen-hung said that despite the need to meet a 25 per cent customs tariff, plus trans-Pacific freight charges, he considered it would still be possible to produce the shirts cheaper than could the Japanese.

The shirts could be retailed considerably cheaper than similar lines manufactured in the United States.

One reason was the lower cost of labour in Hongkong.

Textiles represent Hongkong's most important industry. Last year it manufactured and exported \$100 million worth of shirts and other garments to the United Kingdom, Southeast Asian, European and African markets.

But hitherto the Colony's manufacturers and exporters have been unsuccessful in their efforts to penetrate the American market.

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MACMILLAN'S NON-CABINET MINISTERIAL RESHUFFLE

London, Jan. 16. The Prime Minister, Mr Harold Macmillan, installed a fresh Ministerial team in command of Britain's armed forces tonight as the prelude to expected sharp cuts in defence spending.

With one exception, he shuffled experienced administrators from other assignments to head the Army, the Air Force, the Navy and the Supply Ministry, in a second list of Ministerial appointments, completing the new government.

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Eden's Health Grows Worse

London, Jan. 16. Sir Anthony Eden's health has grown worse during the last few days, informed sources disclosed today.

Sir Anthony would probably have had to undergo another operation if he had not resigned and stopped all activity last week, the sources said. Despite his rest, the abdominal pains from which he suffers have grown worse.

His doctor, Sir Horace Evans, who examined him again today, stressed to him the need for complete rest and emphasised the seriousness of his case, the sources indicated.

Sir Anthony Eden and his wife are due to leave next Friday for New Zealand. His doctor has arranged for close medical supervision during the trip and during his stay there.

—France-Press.

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ROYAL BALLET CREATED

London, Jan. 16. The Royal Ballet was born today.

A Charter from the Queen combined the world-famous Sadler's Wells Ballet at Covent Garden and the Sadler's Wells Theatre Ballet at Sadler's Wells Theatre, considered the junior company, although co-operation between the two has been voluntary.

The new Royal Ballet, which will continue to perform as senior and junior companies at the two theatres, will also include the Ballet School training unit for the dancers.

The Queen is the Royal Ballet's Patron and Princess Margaret is the Corporation's first President—United Press.

MURDER CHARGE TESTIMONY

Dr Was Cut Out Of Will

Eastbourne, Jan. 16. Mrs Edith Morrell, wealthy and temperamental old widow, cut her doctor completely out of her will two months before he allegedly poisoned her, it was disclosed in court today.

The doctor, John Bodkin Adams, is said by the prosecution to have poisoned three of his rich patients, though he is only charged with the murder of Mrs Morrell.

Mrs Morrell, widow of a food importer, left £157,762 when she died in her cliff-top mansion six years ago; her solicitor, Mr Hubert Sogno, told the magistrates hearing the case.

He gave the court details of the many wills the widow made between 1948 and 1950. An early one contained a bequest of £100 sterling for Adams. Then at one time she drew up a codicil leaving her mansion and all her "personal chattels" to the chubby, 57-year-old doctor if her only son should die before her.

WROTE CODICIL

A later will bequeathed an oak chest of silver cutlery, an Elizabethan Court cupboard, and a Rolls Royce car to the medical man. But on September 13, 1950, the crotchety old woman—said by her nurses to have fits of temper for no reason—wrote a codicil to her final will cutting Dr Adams out altogether.

After the widow's death Dr Adams did get the Rolls Royce and the chest of silver. But this was "by favour" of Mrs Morrell's son, Arthur, who was the residuary legatee.

The prosecution claims that, motivated by greed, Dr Adams killed Mrs Morrell with an overdose of drugs because he expected to be left the silver and the Rolls Royce.

URGENT REQUEST

Mr Sogno related how some months before the widow died Dr Adams asked to see him urgently. "He told me that Mrs Morrell had promised him many months previously she would give him her Rolls Royce car in her will."

"She now remembered that she had forgotten this and desired to give him the car and also the contents of a case in her locked box at the bank."

Dr Adams said the case contained some articles or articles of jewellery. He suggested the lawyer should prepare a codicil to Mrs Morrell's will which could later be destroyed if it was not approved by her son.

"I pointed out this was impossible," the lawyer said.

China Mail Special.

JAPAN TO LIMIT TEXTILE EXPORTS TO AMERICA

Washington, Jan. 16.

The United States today described Japan's decision to limit its exports of cotton textiles to this country as "a major step forward in the development of orderly and mutually beneficial trade between the United States and Japan."

Announcement of the Japanese plan to place an annual overall ceiling of 235 million square yards on Japanese cotton exports to the United States over the next five years was made by the State Department this afternoon.

The Departments of State, Commerce and Agriculture said in a joint statement.

"It is a constructive measure aimed at forestalling possible future injury to the United States cotton textile industry," it recognises the problem faced by various segments of the domestic industry and meets this problem through the voluntary exercise of restraint on exports of cotton textiles to the American market."

The Japanese programme demonstrated Japanese understanding of the importance of the orderly marketing of an item as significant to the economies of both countries as cotton textiles, the statement said.

"Under this programme, it should be possible to avoid situations such as those which developed during 1955 and 1956 in blouses, velveteens and gingham."

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An accompanying State Department announcement said that the United States had been informed of the Japanese programme in a note today from the Japanese Ambassador, Mr Masayuki Tani, to Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State. The text of this note was not made public by the State Department. Officials referred reporters to the Japanese Embassy.

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Dredger Refloated

London, Jan. 16. British salvage vessels have refloated the 3,500-ton dredger Paul Solente, the largest obstacle scuttled by the Egyptians at the Port Said entrance to the Suez Canal. The Admiralty announced here tonight.

The British salvage vessels are participating with the United Nations fleet in the work of clearing the Canal.—France-Press.

Read Village Love Letters

Paris, Jan. 16. The romantic young wife of a postman at Foss (in western France), Madame Odette Giller, aged 24, was brought to court today charged with opening all the love letters that passed through the post.

She followed the development of all the romances in the vicinity with the greatest interest—but she was often careless in sealing up the envelopes she steamed open. She committed the further indiscretion of telling a friend and confidante about the progress of the local love affairs.

Angry lovers compared notes about their opened letters, and had her charged. Her husband will not be prosecuted.—France-Press.

The Background

In giving the background of Japan's decision, the State Department announcement said: "The Japanese programme has been developed in an effort to meet the problems which arose in 1955 when exports of Japanese textiles to the United States increased sharply. These exports were heavily concentrated with respect to certain commodities, such as blouses, velveteens and gingham."

"Not only were the domestic producers of these items affected, but the entire textile industry became concerned because of the impact on the price structure of the industry and the uncertainty as to where other concentrations of Japanese export might hit."

There was no mention in the State Department announcement of any undertaking by the United States to seek to prevent discrimination against Japanese textiles on the domestic market or the imposing of quotas or tariff barriers on Japanese imports.—Reuter.

NUCLEAR TESTS BAN URGED

New York, Jan. 16. Japan today appealed to the United Nations for the cessation of nuclear tests at the earliest possible date.

Mr Renzo Sawada, the Japanese delegate, making his country's first speech on the disarmament question, urged the General Assembly's political committee to agree to establishing procedure for prior notification of all kinds of test explosions.

This procedure, which he described as the minimum requirement, should be established by a competent organ of the United Nations.—Reuter.

SPAARK RETURNS

London, Jan. 16. The Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Spaak, left here by air tonight for Brussels after talks in London with British ministers on the European free trade area plan. He declined to make a statement at the airport.—Reuter.

Nautilus Refuels

Washington, Jan. 16. The atomic submarine, Nautilus, will be refuelled for the first time this spring after sailing over 55,000 miles in two years on its original load of nuclear power, the Navy said today.—United Press.

THERMOMETER FLOPS TO 49.9 DEG

For the third time this winter the thermometer dropped just below 50 degrees—and again the minimum was recorded at breakfast time.

But it was nowhere near the 37.5 degrees Colony record established in 1956.

The cold snap, brought about by a cold front moving south, out of Hongkong's first premature spell of summer weather when the temperature rose to a maximum of 72.8 degrees on Tuesday.

In the 48 hours to eight o'clock today the temperature fell by 22.5 degrees.

Today's breakfast-time cold snap produced a reading of 49.9 degrees just before eight o'clock.

Hongkong's unusual tropical weather experienced earlier this week with east and south-east winds began leaving the Colony yesterday at about lunch-time.

The cold front with nor nor east winds took its place, gradually clearing the heavy fog and low cloud which had shrouded the Colony heights for the last two days.

A Royal Observatory spokesman told the China Mail this morning that temperatures were expected to be low and the weather cool to cold as least for the next two days.

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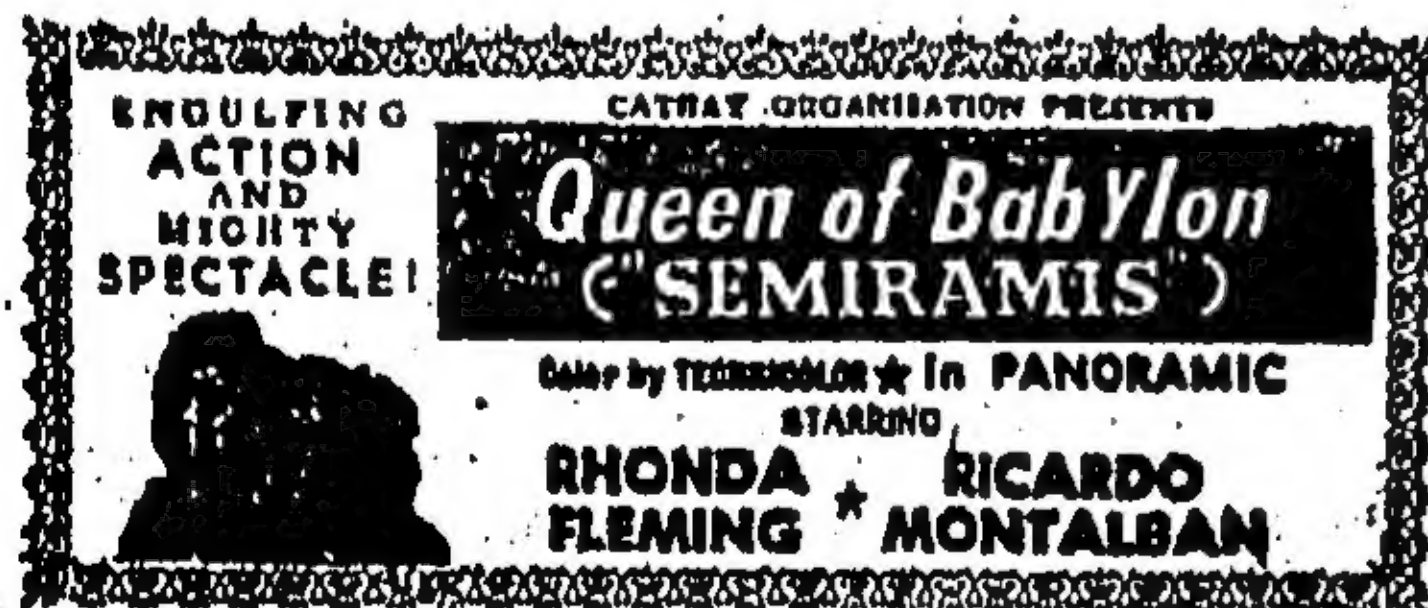
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A view of Japan's sacred volcano, Fujiyama, as seen from a US Air Force photographic plane. Aircraft in the picture is a US F-86F Cougar fighter.—Express photo.

FOOD RESERVE
PLAN RUNS
INTO TROUBLE

United Nations, Jan. 16.

The United States plan for using agricultural surpluses to build up national food reserves in countries plagued by food shortages ran into serious opposition today from Australia, Chile, New Zealand, and the Netherlands.

Limited support for the idea came from India, France and Pakistan.

Most of the objections stemmed from fears that the use of American food surpluses in this manner would disrupt world trade patterns and also cause major price drops.

Australian Senator Archibald M. Bann, speaking on the subject in the General Assembly's Economic and Financial Committee, expressed doubt about the many proposals for a world food reserve, as well as the US national reserve idea, on ground that practical problems had not been fully explored. "Principles are not enough" to solve the needs of food-short countries, he said, noting that international principles regarding surplus-disposals had not protected Australia and other countries from "some harmful effects."

Bann said there were also "potential dangers" in using surpluses to benefit underdeveloped countries because of effects on world trade. He said Australia could not accept at this time the US contention that national food reserves would achieve the objective envisaged for a world food reserve.

Might Be Misused

Chile's Miguel Bravo said the US plan, by calling for national reserves instead of common world action, "represented a step backward."

New Zealand's N.V. Lough said the US plan would not be useful in stabilising commodity prices and that national reserves might be misused and unstable markets. He also said that "we cannot envisage with equanimity the continuation by a major industrial country, the United States, of agricultural price-support policies which result in over-production and in the export of surpluses at government subsidised prices."—United Press.

Official Injured
And Polling
Booth Destroyed

Warsaw, Jan. 16.

A polling booth was demolished by saboteurs and a member of the Polish electoral commission was attacked, in scattered incidents in Poland during the past 24 hours, with only four days to go before the general elections.

The booth was destroyed in Kienyew region during the night by unidentified persons who broke into the premises. The official was attacked in Warsaw.

At Wodzislaw, a certain Dr. Zerkowka has been excluded from the United Workers (Communist) Party for "activities tending to discredit party candidates."

Banks Lose
'Contact'
In Egypt

Cairo, Jan. 16.

THE Egyptian authorities were quoted here tonight as declaring that "the banks previously owned by enemies (British and French) have no more contact with their central offices in London and Paris."

The authorities were quoted by the semi-official Egyptian Middle East news agency. The Egyptian authorities said the decrees announced last night "Egyptianising" the "enemy" banks immediately converted the banks into "Egyptian property."

The banks will be run by the "economic organisation" established under a separate law last night, until steps are taken to transform them into Egyptian joint stock companies, the Egyptian sources were reported to have said.

President Nasser also approved a decree forbidding any commercial enterprise to interrupt its activities without prior permission from the Ministry of Social Affairs. A special arbitration conciliation committee was appointed to consider such demands.—France-Press & Reuter.

'Keep Calm'

The Polish newspapers today reported on the electoral incidents and called on electors to keep calm and vote for the National Front candidates.

The Tribune Ludu, organ of the United Workers Party, said that groups of "workers' militiamen" had been formed in the largest Warsaw factories to ensure that order is maintained during the electoral period.

This newspaper called for a strengthening of the militia and its reserves during the elections, especially in the countryside.

The Glos Pracy trade-union newspaper said today that the victory of party leader Wladyslaw Gomulka in the elections would mean that Poland would be recognised as a sovereign state by the Western countries.

Increased Trade

The newspaper added that a victory for Gomulka would also mean increased trade and diplomatic contacts with the West, particularly with Western Germany, and the chance of Poland "receiving credits."

Glos Pracy said that on the other hand a victory of the forces hostile to the principle of the recent eighth plenary session of the Polish Party's Central Committee would mean the "weakening of our sovereignty and, in this event, we would still remain a satellite in Western eyes."—France-Press.

A-Power Reactor
Research To
Be Stepped Up

Washington, Jan. 16.

The United States will step up the pace of its basic atomic power reactor research during the next fiscal year, but leave the development of actual power reactors to private firms and foreign countries.

This fact emerged today from President Eisenhower's 1958 budget message to Congress. The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) will receive some \$400,000,000 more in 1958 than it did in 1957, with most of the increase going for research and weapons development. Total atomic spending was set at \$2,300,000,000.

In his budget message the President said the US atomic exchange and aid programme with other nations would be intensified. The budget provides for funds both from the AEC and the foreign aid programme to be used in atomic training centres here and abroad, for equipment grants, and other technical assistance.

Offers Of Finance

US offers to help finance construction of research reactors destined for foreign nations will continue. Some 20 nations have not yet taken advantage of the US offer but are expected to do so within the next 18 months.

The United States has concluded about 30 atomic research agreements with friendly governments. These pacts provide for delivery of small quantities of atomic fuel, technical information, and grant the right to purchase a research reactor here.

In addition the United States is prepared to pay up to \$350,000 of the purchase price for these reactors.

Provision also is made in the budget for the purchase of atomic power reactors by governments that have concluded an atomic power agreement with the United States. The President said arrangements to finance such purchases would be made through the Export-Import Bank.—United Press.

Plastic Tank
Armour?

Bonn, Jan. 16.
The West German Defence Ministry is asking Parliament for 2,500 marks (about £210 sterling) to get expert opinions on whether plastic armour can be a substitute for steel plates on tanks.

Plastic armour would work by bouncing off shells and would therefore have to be both tough and elastic. It would have the advantage of being lighter than steel.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said tonight that an opinion would be sought on whether plastic armour was possible rather than on whether a plastic already proposed for the purpose was good enough.—Reuter.

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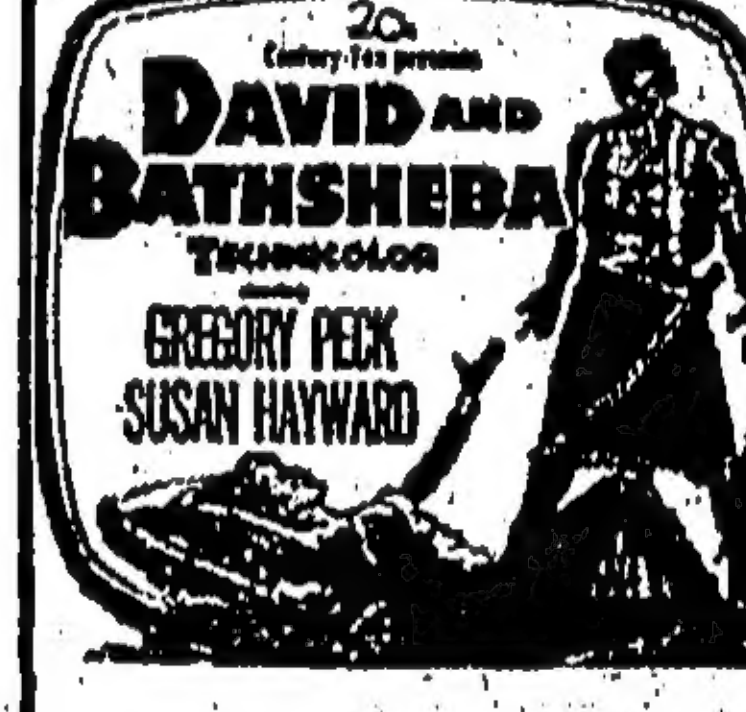
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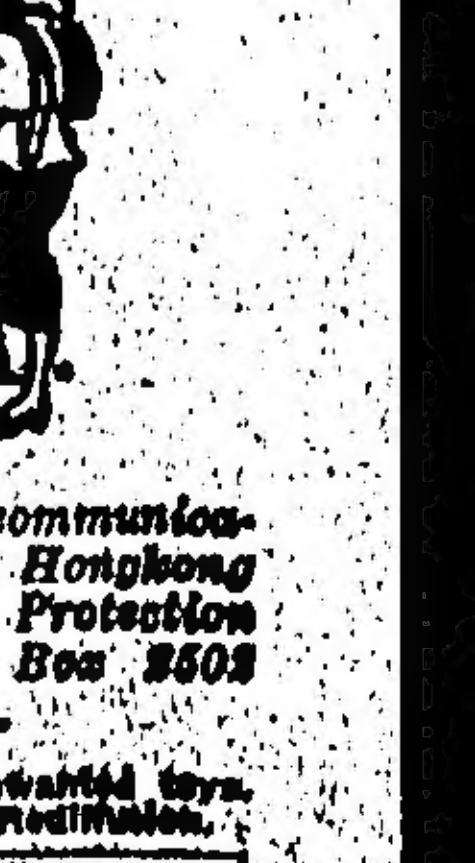
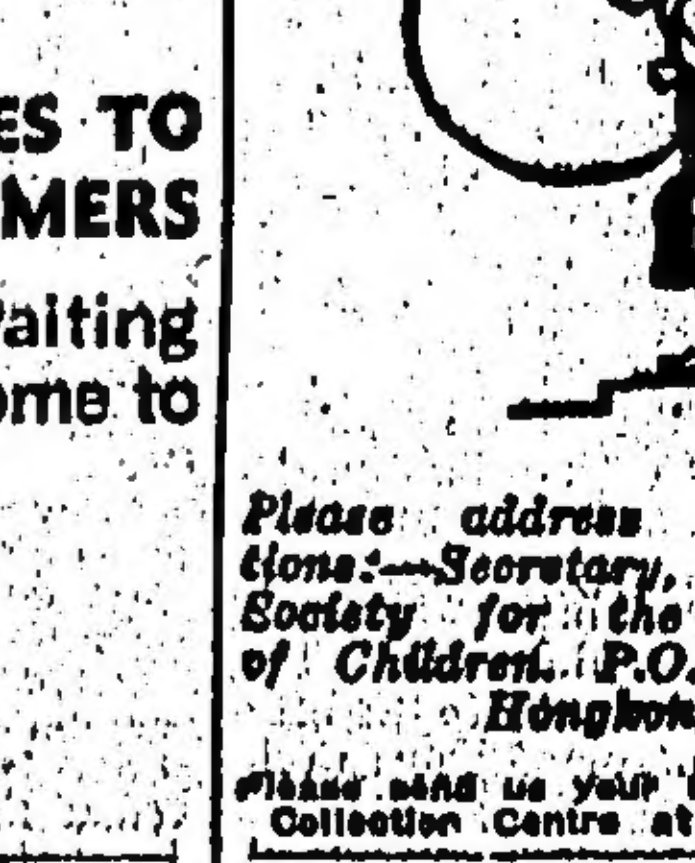
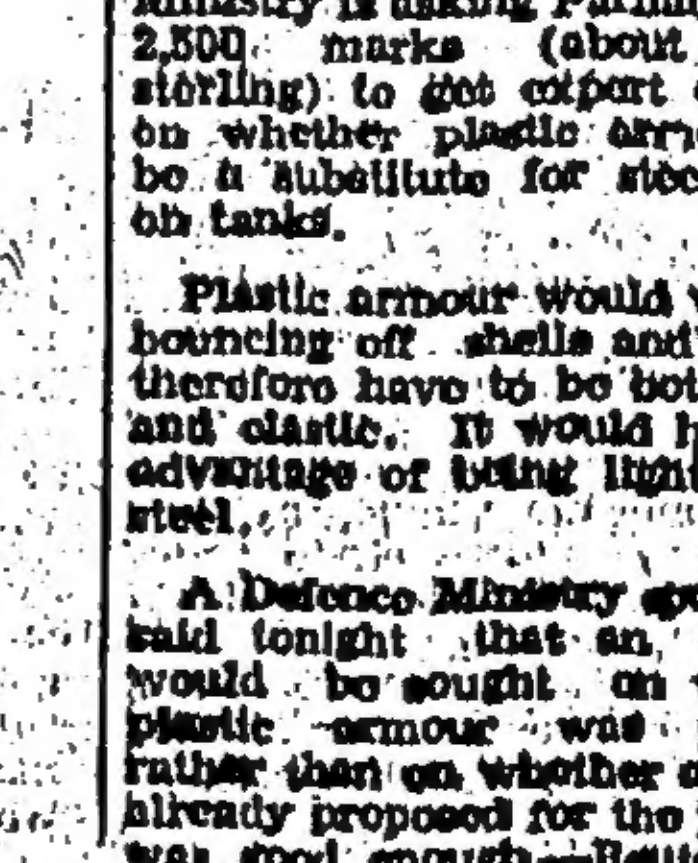
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Eisenhower's Economy A Myth Says Republican

GOP GIVE LESSONS IN SPENDING TO DEMOCRATS

Washington, Jan. 16.

President Eisenhower's record budget stirred misgivings among some Republicans today and prompted a Democratic charge that Republican economy is a myth.

"Republicans are giving Democrats a real lesson in the art of spending while at the same time leading the country to believe that they are the guardians of the purse strings," Rep. Thomas G. Abernethy (D-Miss.) said. "The President's budget is cold evidence that Eisenhower's economy is a myth."

Abernethy said the President in four years already has spent \$30 billion more than was spent by former President Truman in the four years of the previous administration.

Fighting War

"And Truman was fighting a war," Abernethy added. Chairman Harry F. Byrd of the Senate Banking Committee said the 1955 budget will result in increased inflation.

"The Federal Government itself is contributing to the inflation by increasing Federal budget expenditures. Federal Trust fund expenditures and by increased commitments under Federal Credit programs in which the Government insures and guarantees private loans," he said.

This, he added, "is volatile and dangerous." "In times of peace and prosperity, a sound budget requires elimination of non-essential expenditures to the extent that debt and taxes can be reduced," Byrd said.

Sen. Styles Bridges, ranking Republican on the Senate Appropriations Committee, praised Eisenhower's "emphasis on fiscal integrity" and that fact that the budget is balanced for the third year in a row.

Pare It Down

But he said he "will make every effort to pare it down in every place possible." Rep. Usher L. Burdick said of the proposed \$71.8 billion spending total: "that's more than the country can stand." Rep. H. R. Gross concurred in a forecast by Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey that failure to cut spending and taxes will insure a depression. But he asked:

"Why wait until next year? What's wrong with doing it this year?"

'Hypocrites'

Chairman J. William Fulbright of the Senate Banking Committee said the budget shows up the Administration as "hypocrites" for talking about reducing expenses and then proposing a record spending programme for expenses it knew would be necessary.

The President's proposed housing programme was denounced as pitifully inadequate by Chairman Albert Hains (D-Ala.) of the House Banking Subcommittee on Housing.

He said Congress must enact a programme of its own to halt the decline in housing construction resulting from "the tight money policy." He promptly introduced a bill to permit \$2.5 billion government funds to be used as housing mortgage money.

Continuing Review

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said, "I am confident there should be a continuing review of our military capabilities in light of the new requirements of the President's request for the Middle East."

Jackson said the danger of all-out Soviet attack has increased with Russia's trouble in her satellites and possibly at home. "This could lead to new military adventures, and with miscalculation, could lead to all-out atomic-hydrogen attack," Jackson told reporters. — United Press.

Paris, Jan. 16.

Soviet Foreign Minister, Dimitri Shepilov, today received the Pakistan Ambassador, Akhtar Hussain, and the Outer-Mongolian Ambassador, Sanjin Bata, for separate talks. Tass said. The agency said Shepilov had a "lengthy talk with the Outer-Mongolian envoy." — France-Press.

1st 'Royal' Wedding In France Since 1886

Paris, Jan. 16.

Princess Helene of Orleans, 22, daughter of the Count of Paris, Pretender to the "Throne" of France, was married today at a civil ceremony to Belgian Count Evard of Limburg-Stirum, in the first "royal" wedding in France since 1886.

The ceremony took place in the Town Hall of Louveciennes, near Paris, where the Count lives. A religious marriage ceremony will take place tomorrow at Dreux, known in history as the scene of royal marriages and baptisms, in the royal chapel of St. Louis.

The Mayor of Louveciennes, Fernand Guillaume, performed today's ceremony, in the gaily decorated marriage hall, as a large crowd pressed against barriers outside, for a sight of the bridal couple as they left.

NOBLE HOUSE

After the traditional responses, which made the Count and Princess Helene man and wife, Mayor Guillaume told the young couple: "It is a joy for me to receive here the noble House of France."

"If the French are ignorant of geography, as it is said they are, they know their history, which is mixed with yours, and which explains the part they take in the celebration of your union."

Expressing his satisfaction at the marriage as giving emphasis to the friendship between France and Belgium, he congratulated, on behalf of the people, "dream Princess and a Prince Charming."

They drove off to the Manor House of the Count of Paris, "Coeur Volant" (Flying Heart). — France-Press.

Rex Harrison Can Take Time Off

New York, Jan. 16.

The Irish actor, Edward Mulhare, will replace Rex Harrison in the lead role of the Broadway musical, "My Fair Lady," and still stay within Actors Equity's own rules, an arbitrator appointed by Mayor Robert Wagner ruled tonight.

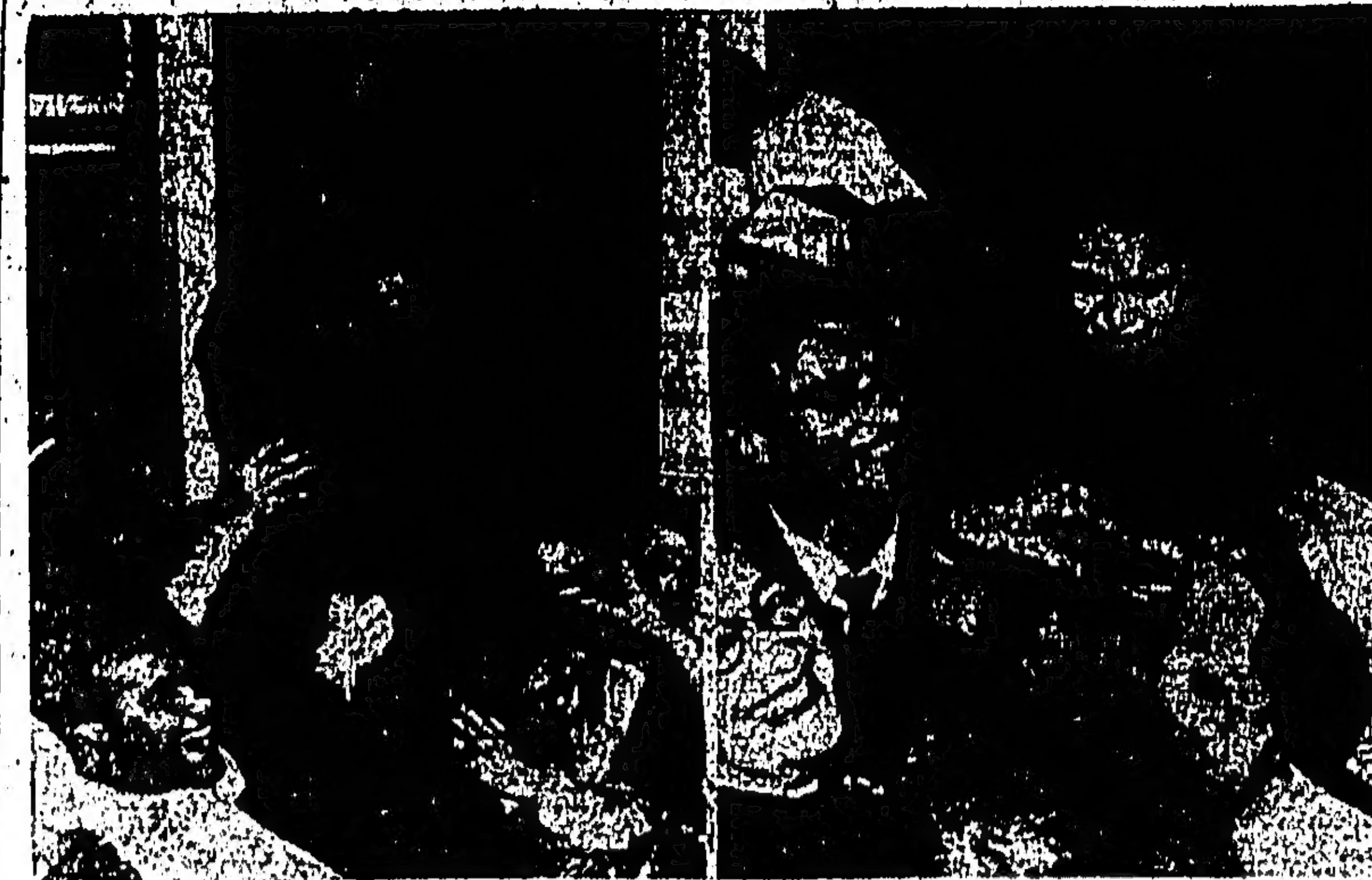
A dispute was brought about by Equity's refusal to permit Mulhare to replace Rex Harrison in the role of Professor Higgins in the musical adaptation of G. B. Shaw's "Pygmalion" when Harrison takes a four-week holiday early next month. The show's producers had threatened to close the show rather than abide by Equity's refusal.

The arbitrator ruled that "My Fair Lady" could change its cast in regard to alien actors without permission from Equity. — United Press.

New MiGs Sent To Syria

Washington, Jan. 16.

The State Department has received reports that new aircraft of Soviet design have arrived in Syria, a Department spokesman said, in Washington today.



Babies Handicapped By H-Bomb Tests

Washington, Jan. 16.

A prominent US geneticist predicted today that there will be an additional 6,000 handicapped babies born to the present generation on earth as a result of thermonuclear bomb testing now going on.

Commonwealth Talks Soon?

London, Jan. 17.

There is wide expectation in political quarters here that Mr. Harold Macmillan, the new Prime Minister, will sound out possibilities for a Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference at a fairly early date.

Some politicians believe such a conference might even precede the talks they are confident will be arranged before long between Mr. Macmillan and President Eisenhower in Washington.

It is accepted that Mr. Macmillan will need a little time to settle in with his administration before tackling the question of Commonwealth talks. — China Mail Special.

Round The World In Royal Yacht

London, Jan. 16.

The Royal Yacht Britannia which has been taking the Duke of Edinburgh through the Antarctic yesterday completed her circumnavigation of the world, it was reported today at Buckingham Palace, London.

A message from the yacht now on her way to Gough Island in the South Atlantic said that she had taken 135 days on the journey, steaming 31,430 miles and crossing the equator three times.

She had rounded both the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Horn and had so far spent two months in the tropics and three weeks in Antarctic waters.

PLANES SALUTE

The yacht heralded the event in longitude 17 and 43 minutes west yesterday with four long blasts on her siren and a fly past of three Albatross flying boats which dipped in salute.

To commemorate the visit inside the Antarctic Circle each member of the ship's company will be given a red nose certificate which has been designed by Prince Philip and Mr. Edward Seago, an artist, the message added. — Reuter.

He said that Syria received military material of Soviet origin through the intermediary of Czechoslovakia.

In reply to further questions, the spokesman said he had no reports concerning any current sales of Soviet arms to Egypt. American Government sources said today they had received no specific reports concerning the possible presence of Soviet technicians in Syria, following the reported delivery of new Soviet aircraft there. — France-Press.

Refugees In Australia



Like other nations in the free world, Australia has been taking in its quota of Hungarian refugees. These pictures were taken at Sydney airport, on left, a refugee is delighted at the warmth of his greeting, but the little girl on right seems to find the whole thing too much for her. — Express Photo.

Racial Policies Revision Called For

United Nations, Jan. 16.

Ceylon and four other delegations today introduced a draft resolution calling upon South Africa to "revise" its racial policies.

The proposal was offered in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee by Ceylon, Greece, Haiti, Iran and Iraq.

Main provisions of the draft resolutions would have the Assembly:

1. Express "deep regret" that the South African government had not lived up to its obligations under the UN Charter and had further extended its racial segregation (apartheid) policies.

INCONSISTENT

★ 2. Affirm that the policies are inconsistent with "the forces of progress and of international co-operation in implementing the ideals of equality, freedom and justice."

★ 3. Call upon South Africa "urgently to reconsider its position and revise its policies in the light of its obligations and responsibilities under the (UN) Charter and in the light of the principles subscribed to and the progress achieved in other contemporary multi-racial societies."

The Committee was debating the racial problem in the absence of the South African delegation, which walked out of the Assembly last November because of what it regarded as continued UN interference in South African domestic affairs. — United Press.

US-Iran Civil Air Agreement

Washington, Jan. 16.

The State Department today announced conclusion of a civil aviation agreement with Iran. The agreement, signed in Teheran, gives the United States the right to operate an airline route into the Iranian capital. Pan-American World Airways has been flying into Teheran under a provisional arrangement.

The agreement also gives Iran the right to establish an airline route to the United States. — United Press.

BITTER SNOWSTORM SWEEPS ACROSS NE UNITED STATES

Chicago, Jan. 16.

The worst snowstorm of the winter rambled across the frost-bitten Northeast today and the Midlands sank further into its deep freeze.

The US Weather Bureau said the country might as well get used to the icy weather that has dominated most of the country all week. The 30-day outlook for the period from now until mid-February predicted below-normal temperatures in most areas and "frequent snows" east of the Appalachian Mountains from the Carolinas northward.

The cold drove temperatures below zero across the country's North and its numbing misery brought a rising toll of deaths due to over-exposure, exhaustion, flash fires and traffic smash-ups on snow-packed roads.

47 Deaths

The United Press counted at least 47 weather-caused deaths since the cold came to stay on Monday. There were nine in Indiana, eight in New York, seven in South Carolina, four in Illinois, three each in Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and North Carolina, two in Michigan, two in New England, and one each in Iowa, Mississippi and the District of Columbia.

The Eastern snows came surging up the Atlantic coast just as the Northeast was thawing out from record temperatures as low as 55 degrees below zero.

Virginia got up to eight inches of snow and a two-inch fall closed suburban schools in the area of Washington, DC.

Then the storm drove into the North with the heaviest snows of the season—six inches over the resort island of Nantucket, Massachusetts, and five over Long Island.

Morning Rush

It arrived in New York City just in time for the morning rush hour and teamed up with the cold to delay an estimated 20,000 commuters in reaching their jobs.

New York's entire Sanitation Department force was called out to keep main streets open. Trains were delayed, 2,000 underground passengers were on an express platform when they had to leave a train. The subway system was closed for about 20 minutes because they were not getting enough heat.

The snow drove northward into New York State, the core of Tuesday's cold wave. Schools in Dutchess County were closed because of bad roads and about 10,000 pupils got a holiday.

Borrowing Air

Weather forecasters, tracking the storm predicted more than a foot of snow in New England tonight and up to 15 inches in eight Western New York counties.

The cold wave was so severe that the United States was even borrowing some of Canada's frigid air. The Weather Bureau said so much cold air had drained across the border during the past week that a warm spell had taken its place in West Central Canada. — United Press.

Dr. Heuss To Visit America



Bonn, Jan. 16.

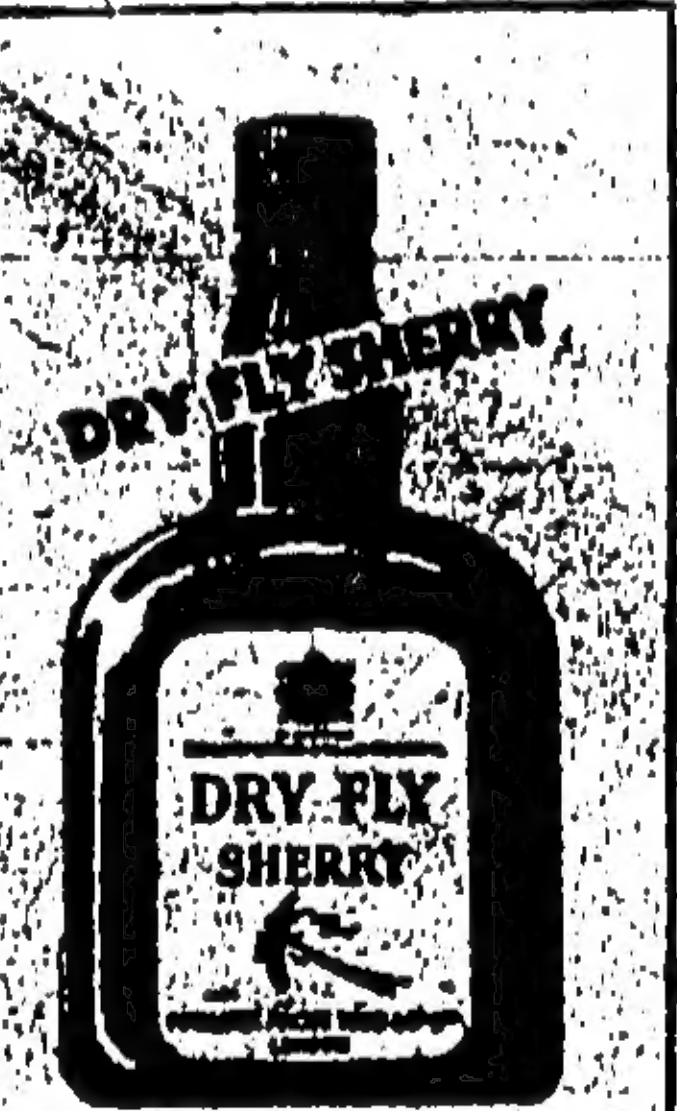
West German President, Theodor Heuss, will make a State visit to the United States from March 6 to March 9, informed sources said here tonight.

The West German and American governments have agreed on the dates and an official invitation from President Eisenhower will soon be forwarded to Heuss through the US Ambassador, James Conant, these sources said. — France-Press.

Search Plane Missing

Manila, Jan. 17.

A two-seater airplane was reported missing Sunday afternoon while on a search for a missing boat in Visayan and Mindanao seas in the Southern Philippines. The plane, which carried a pilot and a mechanic, is now the object of an intensive search by military and civilian planes. — France-Press.



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 10. On the move (6).
 12. Show clearly (6).
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 17. Garment (4).
 19. Venetian (7).
 20. Piece of kitchen furniture (7).
 23. Iron (4).
 25. Amphitheatre (7).
 27. Ingredient of soup (6).
 29. Blazing (6).
 30. Make effervescent (6).
 31. Planet (6).
 32. Loec of hair (6).
- DOWN
1. Melody (5).
 2. e.g. caterpillar (5).
 3. Principle (5).
 5. Tribe (4).
 6. Possibly remote heavenly body (6).
 7. Sequence (6).
 9. Famous mountain (7).
 11. Long effusion (6).
 13. Sluggishness (7).
 15. Engage (4).
 16. Seize future (6).
 18. Dandy (4).
 20. Fears (6).
 21. Join up (6).
 22. Vigilant (6).
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YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3. Aperture, 8. Roam, 9. Rascals, 11. Bulletin, 13. Spot, 15. Agitates, 16. Listened, 19. Adds, 21. Reserved, 25. Tormentor, 28. Scam, 27. Dredgers, Down: 1. Drab, 2. Fall, 4. Suot, 5. Eikon, 6. Stamp, 7. Soent, 9. Regal, 10. Sires, 12. Urge, 14. Ouse, 16. Xred, 17. Sicut, 19. Aced, 20. Dine, 21. Rang, 22. Bait, 24. Vile, 26. Debt.

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LITTLE MAN LOST

by JULIAN SYMONS

"I WANT you to find my husband," the plain woman in a mud-coloured frock said, and Francis Quarles stifled a yawn. Most husbands who disappear do so voluntarily. They are middle-aged, tired of their dull lives and their dull wives.

Was Charles Laurence such a man? Looking at his photograph, the small head with thin hair carefully brushed, the anxious eyes, the neat clothes, the stiff collar, Quarles thought that probably he was. Charles Laurence looked almost too respectable to be true.

He listened to what Mrs Laurence, Angela Laurence, had to say. It fitted the usual pattern. Charles was an auditor working for a firm of accountants. He had been with them five years and had apparently done very well there. At least they had been able to move from their flat in Croydon into a house they had built for themselves in Purley.

"Oil-fired central heating," Mrs Laurence said enthusiastically. They had always been very happy together, although unfortunately there were no children.

Lost his memory?

On Tuesday morning, two days ago, Charles Laurence had left as usual, wearing his blue chalk-stripe suit and a light overcoat because the evenings were chilly, carrying the gold-handled umbrella which he took about with him everywhere, rain or shine.

Now it was Thursday afternoon, and he had not come back. The police? Mrs Laurence shuddered. "Charles would never forgive me. I am sure he has a good reason—or perhaps he has lost his memory. You don't think anything bad can have happened? Poor Charles, you know, he relies on me so much, he's such a quiet, harmless little man. Will you try to find him for me, Mr Quarles?"

Business was slack and so Quarles took the case. With Mrs Laurence's authority he checked on Laurence's bank account, and found that there had been no substantial withdrawals recently.

Then he went to see Ross and Laurence on the film for whom Laurence worked. They said that he was on a routine auditing job at a firm of marine engineers named Townsend and Gulch. So far as they knew, he should be there. It was quite common for him not to come in to the office when he was on an auditing job.

Telephone call

Mr Ross said that Laurence was not a qualified accountant, but he was a good, conscientious worker. "He's not a partner?" Quarles asked. Mrs Laurence had given him that impression.

Mr Ross laughed. "No, he's nothing more than an audit clerk, but a very good one. Nice little man. I hope nothing's wrong."

Quarles said he hoped so too, and went to see Townsend and Gulch, marine engineers. Their offices were on the upper floor of a warehouse near Queen Victoria Street.

"Mr Townsend?" Quarles asked a wheezing, watery-eyed old clerk, and learned that he was not in.

"Mr Gulch, then?"

The wheeze was evidently not meant for a laugh. "Mr Gulch, he's been dead 10 years."

"I'll come in and wait," Quarles said. In a small office

PRIVATE DETECTIVE

FRANCIS QUARLES

FINDS OUT

with dust thick on the shelves a man with broad shoulders and thick eyebrows confronted him. He looked like the chucker-out at a pub.

"I'm looking for Mr Townsend. Or Mr Laurence," Quarles added.

"Laurence? You mean the chap who does the books. Hasn't been here for a day or two. Anything I can do? My name's Philpott."

In a hat stand stood an umbrella with a gold handle. A light overcoat hung above it. Quarles put his hand on a door marked "Private."

"What are you doing?" Philpott shouted. "Can't you read?"

"Laurence has disappeared. He always took that umbrella about with him."

"When did you last see Mr Laurence?" Quarles asked the old clerk.

"Tuesday, sir, that was the last day. And we haven't seen Mr Townsend since Tuesday either."

List of names

The telephone rang. Quarles picked it up. A woman's voice spoke, high and shrill.

"That you, Don? I thought you'd gone. This is Kewpie. I must have some stuff, Don, you understand. I must have it. Can you be here in half an hour?"

"The usual place?"

"That's right, the club. I'll be waiting."

Quarles turned and snapped at the old man: "What club

does Mr Townsend use for clients?"

"The Scrambled Egg, sir, just off Cork Street."

On the office desk Quarles found a photograph of a burly, smiling fair man whom he took to be Townsend. In a locked drawer was what he expected, a list of clients' names and several packets of dope.

In the Scrambled Egg, Quarles asked for Kewpie. The waiter jerked a thumb at a scraggy blonde who sat tapping her high heels in a corner. She looked at him distrustfully. "Where's Don?"

"I've brought what you want," Quarles said. "But I want some information in return."

"On the telephone you said you thought Townsend had gone. What made you say that?"

Her words tumbled out. "You swear you'll give it to me after I've told you? All right, then, it wasn't Don. It was his girl Molly Mitchell. She told me she was skipping the country. Going on a little banana boat or something, called the Lady Dane. Tonight it is, she said. Now—give me the stuff."

Tumbled to it

Quarles handed her one of the white packets and turned away. When he looked at her again her eyes were bright, her hands had stopped shaking.

"Mind you," she said, "I don't know that Molly was going with Don. As a matter of fact she was two-timing him with some body—I don't know who. What's your hurry, big boy? Buy me a drink."

"It works out," young Inspector Dipper said to Quarles while they were on their way to the docks in the car. "From what I gather this Laurence was a simple soul. He tumbled to it that Townsend was dealing in dope, said he was going to the police, and Townsend killed him. Probably buried the body in that warehouse. We'll get him all right."

At the dock they saw the captain of Lady Dane and Quarles showed him a photograph. Yes, the captain said, that was the man. He had come on board last night with his wife. They wanted him? The captain shrugged his brawny shoulders. "Go and get him. Cabin three."

Inspector Dipper turned the handle of cabin three and the door opened. Inside a woman lay on a bunk reading, and a man had his hands in an open suitcase.

"I am a police officer," Dipper said. "And I must ask you—"

The woman screamed. The man took a revolver from the suitcase and put it to his head. In the small cabin the explosion seemed very loud.

Blackmail

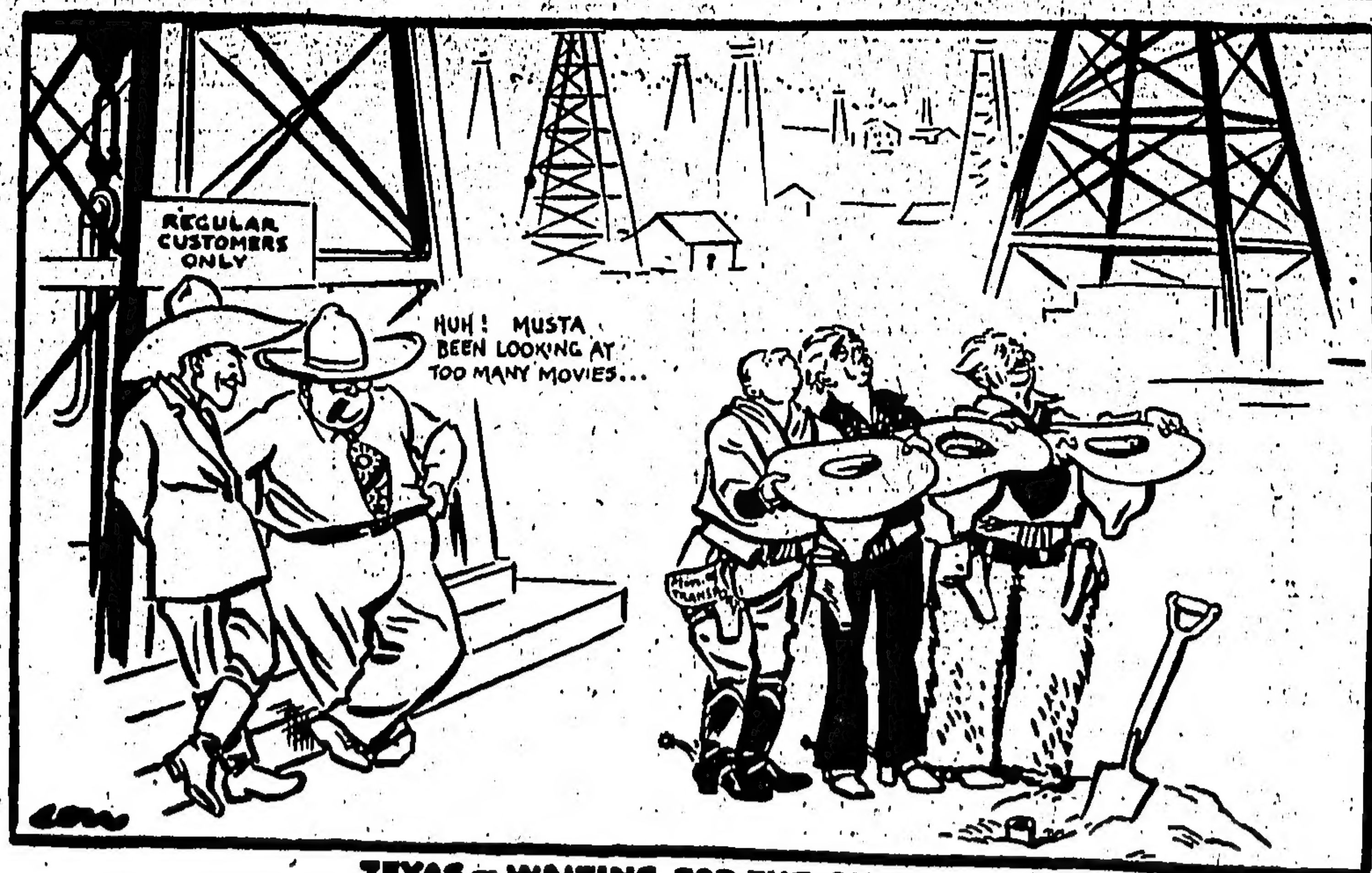
"It had to be blackmail," Quarles said when Molly Mitchell had been taken away. "Laurence was only an audit clerk. Where would he have earned enough money to build and maintain a house with oil-fired central heating and all the other niceties? Laurence must have learned Townsend was in the drug racket when he first started doing the books, and he saw immediately that the knowledge was worth money. I should guess he'd been Townsend's partner for two or three years."

Then he met Townsend's girl, Molly Mitchell, and began to think about making a new life. That's what they all think of those respectable little men. He tried to put the screw more firmly on Townsend, probably asked for a lump sum down. They quarrelled and—well, there you are. No doubt the body's in the warehouse as you said."

"Molly Mitchell liked his money but she must have liked him too, or she wouldn't have promised to go away with him. Can't see the attraction, can you?"

From the cabin floor, primly respectable even in death, his stiff white collar immaculate and his blue chalk-stripe suit respected by blood, Charles Laurence stared up at them.

Next Tuesday: MURDER IN REVERSE



TEXAS—WAITING FOR THE CUSHER

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Don Iddon flies to Texas and meets the JILLIONAIRES

U.S. Oil Men deny putting the screws on Britain

Dallas. THIS is the place where the oil comes from. The song "The eyes of Texas are upon you all the live long day, the eyes of Texas are upon you, you cannot get away" should be changed. Now the eyes of the Western World are on Texas.

This has been a fabulous State of oil tycoons and titans for almost two decades.

They are kings

BUT now a little group of men are so rich and getting richer that a new name has been coined. It is jillionaire, a jillionaire being a man who owns a batch of billions.

The Texas barons have become kings—lusty, ruthless, and generous.

Are they making money out of the Suez crisis? They are. But stories of their holding Britain and Europe to ransom are wide of the mark—as wide as this huge nation within a nation.

One of the first signs I saw when I got off the plane from New York was "Gas 20 cents."

Gas is petrol. Twenty cents is a fifth of a dollar. A dollar is worth around 7s.

I said to the driver: "You're practically giving the stuff away. In English money that's 1s. 6d. a gallon."

He said: "There's a price war on. Has been for months. But that 20-cents deal is only the little fellows fighting each other."

"You pay 30 cents at the established places, same as New York."

Overdue

TODAY however, I see that the price of petrol, or gasoline, in Texas has gone up a cent a gallon, and the war is now only a skirmish.

This will put more millions in the multi-millionaires' pockets, but they claim that they've been over-producing, and, anyway, the price of oil itself hasn't gone up for three years, while wages, maintenance and materials have.

Robert Wood, president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, says: "A general price increase has been overdue for a long time."

I say: "Isn't that putting the screws on England and Europe?"

The answer in Dallas is: "The British haven't got better friends anywhere than in Texas, but you should have done the job properly." Got the Causal



Million a week!

and got Nassor. We don't aim to make money out of other people's suffering."

I don't think they do. Texans are not tricky, devious, or fair-weather friends.

Even so, the men of many millions now churn the dollars out for themselves and the giant headquarters back in New York and New Jersey as if they ran the world's mint.

I travelled down with a party of rich men, and I have met some even richer since I got to Dallas.

The billionaires of Texas hit you like a bludgeon. The richest of all and probably the richest man in America is Haroldson Lafayette Hunt, who has \$50,000,000 a year.

Hunt literally makes \$1,000,000 a week. Sounds incredible, but it is true.

Hunt shares the spotlight and has rarely been photographed or interviewed. He is 67, with a heavy, good-looking face, but eyes of chilling coldness.

Unlike many Texans, he doesn't talk about his money, but admits: "I'm plenty rich."

He began his dollar-spangled career running a table in an Arkansas gambling house and has been gambling ever since. But now in hundreds of millions. And always winning.

He says: "If I'm a fabulous character it's because I've never said anything about myself. I never take any interest in money except to meet my next payroll."

Avalanche

AND the payroll is for the oil wells, the great blocks of property, the sprawling ranches, and they bring a continually increasing avalanche of dollars.

Hunt will admit: "I was a smart kid and I hope I'm a smart man. Leave it at that."

Hunt's hero is General MacArthur. He backed MacArthur

But Richardson is a popular latter-day Will Rogers and, incidentally, friend of President Eisenhower and members of the Cabinet.

He says: "I sure like that Ike and he likes me."

Although he owns two big private planes and a fleet of cars, he lives astonishingly modestly in hotels and clubs, and when he drives he passes himself off as a chauffeur.

His credo is: "Do right and fear no man, don't write and fear no woman."

If Richardson had his way, which he obviously hasn't, he would give Britain the oil and the petrol for free.

He has known poverty and has been flat broke. He claims that he turned four ten-dollar bills into his billion by pulling himself up by his own bootstraps.

He gives away millions every year, but not so much as a third billionaire, Hugh Roy Cullen.

Here is another oilman who, according to friends in Dallas, has handed over \$200,000,000 to universities, schools, and hospitals.

Cullen, fiercely independent and another believer in the bootstrap technique, left school at 12, began his rainbow ride to hundreds of millions by earning \$1 a week, and worked as a cotton picker.

He is almost as far right as Hunt.

Oil first

THERE are others, big-rich and little-rich, ranging from the billionaire through the multi-millionaire to the mere millionaire, and you are not considered a millionaire in Texas if you have less than 10,000,000. And all the money made out of oil and cattle, and also blood and sweat.

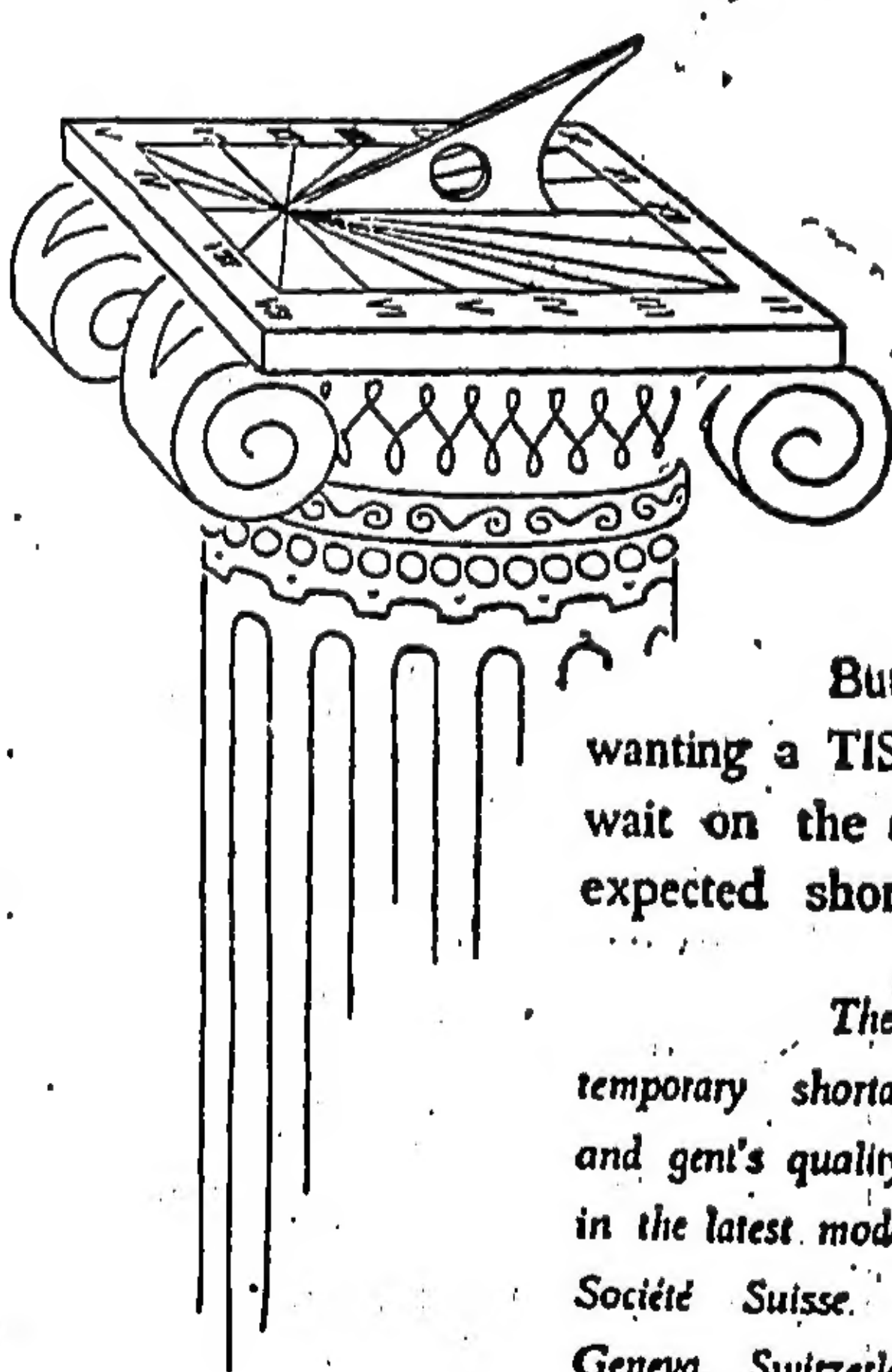
They tell me in Dallas: "They used to say 'In Texas the cattle come first, then the men, and last the women.'"

Now, and Suez underlines it in thick black, oil comes first.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"How does it feel to have the President saying 'Go East young man, as I can?'"



But if you are one of the many wanting a TISSOT timepiece, it will pay to wait on the arrival of the 1957 collection—expected shortly.

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Hungarian Water Polo Player Denies Attack With Sharp Weapon

Cambridge, Massachusetts, Jan. 16.

A member of Hungary's Olympic Championship water polo team tonight denied that he was cut with a "sharp weapon" by a Russian team player during the Games in Melbourne.

Ervin Zador, who suffered a severe gash over his right eye as his team defeated Russia 4-0 in Australia, said: "No sharp weapon was used. I have soft skin."

Hongkong FA Soccer Fixtures For Jan 26-27

The following Hongkong FA League matches have been arranged for the week ending January 26 and 27:

JANUARY 26
1st Div.—Club v. Kitchener, 3.30 p.m. Ref. F. J. Kitchener; Lines: L. Chang/Liu Thui-kai.

2nd Div.—St. Joseph's v. Eastern, 3.30 p.m. Ref. S. U. Woo; Lines: R. Gray/W. S. Dawson.

3rd Div.—CAA v. KMB, Boundary St. 3.30 p.m. Ref. A. H. Tucker; Lines: D. G. Simpson/E. O. Dawson.

4th Div.—Solicitors v. Dockyard, 3.30 p.m. Ref. F. A. Barrett; Lines: Tsang King-hong/W. H. Lau.

5th Div.—Gymnastic v. Tai Koo, Caroline Hill 2 p.m. Ref. F. R. Prattell; Lines: S. Tye/Dicky Lee.

6th Div.—Prisons v. Jardine, Stanley 4 p.m. Ref. J. Moore; Lines: L. Ping-pai/S. M. Mithew.

7th Div.—RAF Sui Wan v. Telephone, H.V. 4 p.m. Ref. S. Y. Kwok; Lines: A. A. James/Ng Yue-wai.

8th Div.—REME v. B & S, H.V. 4 p.m. Ref. Cheung Yung-sing; Lines: Wong King-chung Lee Kan-chi.

9th Div.—3rd Div.—Dodwell v. C & W, H.V. 2.30 p.m. Ref. Tsang Nai-bun; Lines: Lee Tak-kee/Li Fook-on.

10th Div.—RIL v. Alfreton, H.V. 2.30 p.m. Ref. Wong Wah-kay; Lines: Luk Tai-sun/Mak Hui-tung.

11th Div.—Rediffusion v. Caroline Hill, H.V. 4 p.m. Ref. Tso Hon-ki; Lines: Y. C. Mak/King Chui-wing.

JANUARY 27
1st Div.—Army v. South China, HK Stadium 3.30 p.m. Ref. Mak Young-fai; Lines: J. D. Jones/S. F. Bradley.

2nd Div.—RAF v. Kwong Wah, Caroline Hill 3.30 p.m. Ref. R. Webb; Lines: R. P. Browning/A. A. Cameron.

3rd Div.—REME v. Army, South China, HK Stadium 2 p.m. Ref. R. H. Lane; Lines: R. Marsden/White/D. P. Lai.

4th Div.—Tung Wah v. CMB, Caroline Hill 2 p.m. Ref. George Yau; Lines: Lui Shiu-wing/Yau Wah-hing.

5th Div.—RAMC v. Tramways, H.V. 4 p.m. Ref. F. W. Bates; Lines: F. J. O'Brien/A. McIntosh.

6th Div.—S & S v. Tammar v. Kin, Godwin, H.V. 2.30 p.m. Ref. Yu Long-shi; Lines: Chan Shiu-chuen/Chan Man-chung.

7th Div.—Mercantile v. AFS, H.V. 2.30 p.m. Ref. Wong Yik-chun; Lines: Choy Wing-chun/P. Phillips.

8th Div.—CMB v. University, H.V. 4 p.m. Ref. J. J. Murphy; Lines: Chu Che-shing/M. Albion.

9th Div.—Hollandia v. Watsons, H.V. 4 p.m. Ref. E. A. Reader; Lines: Ihu Sik-wai/R. Morrison.

10th Div.—Navy v. Sing Tao—postponed.

POSTPONED
The Hongkong Football Association First Division match between South China and Navy scheduled for play on Saturday, Jan. 19 has been postponed.

BASKETBALL

Two In A Row For Touring Japanese Team

Manila, Jan. 17. Visiting Japanese cage-balls from Osaka last night made it two in a row in their three-game basketball exhibition here by subduing the Ful Yen quintet by 35-28.

Matsushita propelled the Japanese triumph with a total of 10 points, the top score of the evening. —France-Press.

Hungary Refuse To Stage World Fencing Tourney

Vienna, Jan. 16. The Hungarian Fencing Federation has refused an invitation to stage the 1957 World Fencing Championships, the Austrian Press Agency reported from Budapest today.

Hungary had been entrusted with the organization of the championships by the International Fencing Federation.

JUDY AND CHRIS ARE CHOSEN



Chris Brasher, whose victory for Britain in the Olympic Steeplechase won him a gold medal and fame, was chosen "Sportsman of the Year" in the annual competition, awards for which were presented at the Savoy Hotel recently. Swimmer Judy Grinham, who won an Olympic Gold Medal, was acclaimed "Sportswoman of the Year." The picture shows the two with their trophies after the presentation at the Savoy Hotel. — Central Press Photo.

7TH HUSSARS 12, 27 HAA 3

7th Hussars Earn Trip To Singapore For FARELF Knockout Final

By "PAK LO"

Before a large crowd of enthusiastic spectators the 7th Hussars won the Army Inter Unit Knockout Competition (Hongkong Section) when they overcame the 27 HAA by 12 points (4 tries) to 3 points (1 penalty goal) on the Police ground at Boundary Street yesterday afternoon.

After the match the trophies were presented by Lady Stratton, wife of the CBE, Lt.-Gen. W. H. Stratton, who with other high ranking officers watched the Hussars gallop to a clear cut win.

On the whole it was a fairly scrappy game, though the players were hard at it from the first whistle, but the Hussars won because they gained the greater possession of the ball, not only from the line-outs but from the set scrums, where Barker was outplayed by Coles not through any fault of his own but because his pack just did not have the weight and strength to hold back the Hussars' pack, and the latter almost continually pushed the Gunner side off the ball.

MIN-HO-LUNG CUP

NRA Receive Trophy From Shanghaianders

London, Jan. 16. The National Rifle Association of Great Britain has just received a beautiful trophy from the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, which will be put out during the annual Biscay meeting.

The trophy, the "Min-Ho-Lung" Silver Cup, is named after a rifle company of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, who have presented it to the NRA. It arrived recently in London after being flown over from Hongkong.

The NRA have decided to add the Cup as a challenge trophy to the Dominion Prize of £50 which is awarded to the team other than that of Britain which makes the best score in the famous Koolaup match.

This event, between teams of eight, is shot at 300, 500 and 600 yards, and the addition of the "Min-Ho-Lung" Cup should be an added incentive to the marksmen.

This will be the second Far East trophy to be won at Biscay, for the Territorial Army teams (with rifles and light machine guns) already compete for the "China Challenge Cup", presented in 1954 by the Volunteers in China. —France-Press.

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Fourth Asian Table Tennis Tournery Draw

Manila, Jan. 17. Four men players and 21 women players from Japan and five other Asian countries were admitted to the approaching Fourth Asian Table Tennis Championships here as the draw held last night. —France-Press.

The draw was conducted by the Cebu City Mayor, Mr. Sergio Osmeña, Jr., President of the Table Tennis Association of the Philippines, in the presence of representatives of the participating nations — India, Nationalists China, Cambodia, South Vietnam, South Korea and the Philippines.

The Playing Control Commission decided to hold the draw as scheduled without the entries of Afghanistan, Ceylon, Hongkong, Pakistan, Singapore which had previously signified their intention to compete in the championships. — France-Press.

ASIAN ZONE

HK DRAWN TO MEET PAKISTAN IN THOMAS CUP

London, Jan. 16. Draw for the First Round of the Asian Zone of the Thomas Cup made here today shows India versus Thailand, Ceylon versus Japan, Hongkong versus Pakistan, Burma a bye.

First Round ties in the Zone must be played by July 31. Australia here at the bye in the Australasian zone. Indonesia meet New Zealand with the winner to play Australia in the zone final. —Reuter.

Tabori's Indoor Debut On Saturday

Boston, Jan. 16. Hungarian left-handed running champion Laszlo Tabori is to make his first outing in the United States at the "Knights of Columbus" indoor field and track meet at Boston on Saturday. It was learned here tonight.

This will be Tabori's first outing on wooden track. He is to compete in the Two Miles event against American Horace Ashendeller and Fred Dwyer. Tabori is at present finishing his training for the meet at the University of North Carolina with his trainer, Mihaly Igol. —France-Press.

REFEREE'S MEETING

All Army referees are reminded that the January meeting will be held in the NAAFI Club, Chatham Road, Kowloon on Saturday, January 20, at 12.15 hrs.

SPORTS VIEWPOINT

ERIC NICHOLLS crystal gazes at The World Table Tennis Championships and sees...

ANN HAYDON AS AN ENGLISH WINNER

England's table tennis bosses have been struggling for years to find successors to their former champions, Richard Bergmann and Johnny Leach. Up to now they have been searching in vain. But now they can see daylight.

For off to Stockholm with England's World Championship Swaythling Cup (Men) and Corbillion Cup (Women) teams in March go two bright young prospects, 17-year-old Ian Harrison and 18-year-old Joyce Fielder.

Harrison, an apprentice draughtsman from Gloucestershire, was last year's English Junior Champion. As a raw junior on his first trip abroad, he came within one point of topping French Champion Rene Rochoff in Paris last year.

This season he has been in tremendous form. I saw him brush aside all opposition in the English-Scotland international at Barnet last month, with all the confidence of a skilled veteran.

Yet the amazing thing is that this quiet youngster cannot command a regular place in the Gloucestershire county team. He got his first county bucket against Middlesex the other week, when he joined Aubrey Simons and Brian Merrett—who were his rivals for a Swaythling Cup place.

NO PLACE FOR HER

Joyce Fielder, typist daughter of a London sports club groundsman, is another of those players whose games have often been surg. except in official quarters. Joyce, who, like Diane Rowe, won both junior and senior titles in the Daily Mirror National Championships, is on this season's results England's No. 4 player. Yet up to now there has been no place for her on the official ranking list. I understand this is being put right, and she will appear on the revised list due to be published soon.

The inclusion of these two talented youngsters is a big step in the right direction. And I have no doubt that behind this revival of ideas is Victor Barna, the Hungarian-born winner of 16 world titles, now a coach, and a member of the England selection committee.

Barna, who travels to Stockholm as non-playing captain of the Swaythling Cup team, regards Harrison as England's brightest prospect, and has often predicted great things for Joyce Fielder.

The rest of the team contains no surprises. Glostering Richard Bergmann, retaining his No. 1 spot, with Johnny Leach the No. 2 despite his obvious loss of form this season. The selectors must feel that his international experience will carry him through. The same could be said of Yorkshire's Brian Kennedy, who gets the vote over Michael Thornhill of Middlesex.

Alan Rhodes, a 23-year-old lettering artist, whose unorthodox style could upset the form book in Stockholm, completes the men's team.

HER FINEST YEAR

The women's Corbillion Cup team is as it should be. With Joyce Fielder go Diane Rowe, Ann Haydon—who could make this her finest year with an individual title—and Surrey's Jill Lock.

But, one criticism: By all means send one of the older players—preferably Bergmann—to father the team. But why both? Leach's results this season hardly justify his preference over Thornhill, for whom this trip would have been a wonderful confidence booster, and a tremendously valuable experience.

I don't think, apart from helping young Harrison along the road to a possible title in the future, the men's team will achieve much in Stockholm. World class opposition right now, with the Japs, as always, leading the way is of too high a standard for the English to hold out much hopes. The team will do its best. But their best isn't likely to be nearly good enough.

But the women! Now that's a different matter. Last year in Tokyo, only a top-form Emswiler team with the amazing 35-year-old housewife, Mrs. Rozeanu, defying the

critics and pulling out all the stops, prevented the England girls from taking the Corbillion Cup. With a full-strength team in Stockholm, I think they can win.

Individual titles, apart from a possible English winner in Ann Haydon, are likely to go foreign. Where? To Japan is my guess.

(London Express Service.)

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HARRY CARPENTER

Strictly without bias

THIS BOWLS IS DYNAMIC STUFF

Dr John Fisher, sedate, grey, peaceable, has destroyed one of the great illusions of my life.

For some time I have been looking forward to the august years of retirement when, on a liberal pension from the Daily Mail, I would pen leisurely, refined articles from my neat, thatched Sussex cottage, and fill in the passing hours with innumerable "ends" of bowls.

Bowls... there's a sport for you. Quiet, relaxed, polite. The gentle click of polished wood upon wood. I've always imagined myself a dab-hand at bowls....

THE COMPLAINT

Not any more. Dr Fisher, perhaps the world's greatest authority on the ancient game and its countless offshoots (skittles, curling, peil-mell, ruzzola, whirling), has convinced me in his mighty volume, *World Bowls*, that it's just another razzle-dazzle pastime, aimed at doing down your opponent.

I might have known. That genius of gamesmanship, W. G. Grace, who seldom admitted being out at cricket unless all stumps were spread-eagled, helped to make bowls international.

Now it's played by more people in Britain than any other sport. There are 8,000 clubs in the U.K. in one form or another. It has spread to more than 50 countries.

I always believed all you had to do was grab one of these big shiny wooden balls, make a graceful genuflection and send it rolling smoothly in a gentle curve, over the manicured grass, to end up somewhere near the small white jack.

Hah! Hark to Dr Fisher: "We have come a long way since the late 19th and early 20th centuries when the grandfathers 'kneel' found favour. (This was what I'd been dreaming about)...."

"Out of this evolved the crouch, and then the semi-crouch until, finally, our modern free-striding action, has come about, and with it, the era of Power Bowls! Strike no longer! Bowls is now a virile and dynamic game."

Catch me being virile and dynamic at 80.... I've always prided myself on knowing about "bliss". So many laymen think it's achieved by weights, rather like loaded dice. It's not, of course. It's done by shaping the wood.

THE STORY

Dr Fisher, spy as a journalist sniffing out a good story, relates how this came about.

It happened (he says) in the 10th century at Google, Yorkshire, when one player's oaken bowl, named another, and broke in two.

The enterprising player ran to the nearest house, borrowed a saw, amplified a knob from the banisters, hacked it into approximate shape with his sword, and "speck" back to the game.

For the first time in bowls history, says Dr Fisher, the makeshift bowl accomplished a



cunning curve round the other woods, "came in for shot," and the player, revelling in his new technique, won five successive ends.

THE GRIPS

But to get back to "Power Bowls". It's pretty technical stuff. For instance, you don't just pick-up a wood and bowl. You may employ one or other of the Cradle, Fincer, Claw, or Anderson grips.

You make cannon, trailing, wick-off, or firing shots. My favourite is the firing shot, a sort of Sunday punch in a bowl. But, says Dr Fisher, "keep that blinder up your sleeve.... firing may become an obsession."

No, bowls is definitely not for out-to-grass hacks, thank you very much. Especially when Dr Fisher hints that the boys might occasionally pull a fast one.

Every well-equipped bowls player carries a tape-measure around with him to check up on niceties of distance from the jack.

THE MEASURE

Dr Fisher warns: "Acquire a reliable measure, preferably of steel rather than string, to avoid disputes."

"String can, to some extent, be slackened or tightened at will, and although, in general, no other game can claim a finer body of sportsmen, it has to be admitted that a few expert manipulators of the tape exist."

It would make a fine series for the Sunday papers. I can see the headlines now. "Exposed! Big-time bowls scandal! 'I confess all,' says vice king of the greens."

If I were you, Dr Fisher, I'd keep your sport out of the papers. Such going-on. (COPYRIGHT)

WORLD CUP SOCCER

Lisbon, Jan. 16. Portugal and Northern Ireland drew one-one in their World Cup football match here tonight. The game was played in the Est. Nacional.



Sandy Saddler No Longer World Featherweight Champion

Milwaukee, Jan. 16. The Executive Committee of the American National Boxing Association today stripped Sandy Saddler of his title of World Featherweight Boxing Champion for not having signed up for a match putting his title at stake before the date of January 15.

Fred Saddy, Chairman of the NBA Classifications Committee, said today the NBA no longer considered Saddler as World Featherweight Champion. Saddy said the NBA gave Saddler enough time to sign or to undergo a medical examination if he was unfit.

Saddler was injured in an automobile crash in July last year, and has not boxed since. His last title fight was on January 18 last year, when he beat Flash Elorde of the Philippines by a knock-out in the 15th round.

It was understood here that the NBA would now recognise the winner of fights between the top four world featherweight challengers as Saddler's successor.

In its last classification, the NBA gave Cherif Hamia (France) as first challenger, followed in order by Miguel Berrios (Cuba), Flash Elorde and Carmelo Costa (United States).—France Press.

Bilbao Down Manchester United In European Cup

Bilbao, Spain, Jan. 16. Athletic of Bilbao, Spanish Cup holders and League Champions, beat Manchester United, the English League title holders, by five goals to three after leading 3-0 at half time in the first leg of their European Football Cup quarter-final match today.

The teams met in the second leg at Manchester on February 6. The tie is decided on goal aggregate and Manchester United need victory by three clear goals to qualify for the semi-finals.

Playing in a blizzard on a sea of mud, the tough speedy Bilbao team shocked United with first half goals by Uribe (2) and Mariscal. United fought back to 2-3 with goals by Taylor and Viollet soon after the interval but Bilbao scored twice more through Medrano and Artache, before Whelan ended the scoring with a goal for United.

A crowd of 60,000 watched the match.—Reuter.

St. John Ambulance Orders

Order by Mr. Fung Ping-fan, C.S.J., Commissioner of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong District, Order No. 3/57 dated January 16, 1957.

Ambulance Duties—Hong Kong—20.15-20.17, K.C.O.B. Amb. Div. 20.17-20.21, Wanchai Amb. Div. 20.21-20.25, Tung Chung Amb. Div. 20.25-20.29, Tung Chung Amb. Div.

Ambulance Duties—Kowloon—21.17-21.21, Mong Kok Amb. Div. 21.21-21.25, Kowloon Amb. Div. 21.25-21.29, Kowloon Amb. Div. 21.29-21.33, Kowloon Amb. Div. 21.33-21.37, Kowloon Amb. Div. 21.37-21.41, Kowloon Amb. Div. 21.41-21.45, Kowloon Amb. Div. 21.45-21.49, Kowloon Amb. Div. 21.49-21.53, Kowloon Amb. Div. 21.53-21.57, Kowloon Amb. Div. 21.57-22.01, Kowloon Amb. Div. 22.01-22.05, Kowloon Amb. Div. 22.05-22.09, Kowloon Amb. Div. 22.09-22.13, Kowloon Amb. Div. 22.13-22.17, Kowloon Amb. Div. 22.17-22.21, Kowloon Amb. Div. 22.21-22.25, Kowloon Amb. Div. 22.25-22.29, Kowloon Amb. Div. 22.29-22.33, Kowloon Amb. Div. 22.33-22.37, Kowloon Amb. Div. 22.37-22.41, Kowloon Amb. Div. 22.41-22.45, Kowloon Amb. Div. 22.45-22.49, Kowloon Amb. Div. 22.49-22.53, Kowloon Amb. Div. 22.53-22.57, Kowloon Amb. Div. 22.57-23.01, Kowloon Amb. Div. 23.01-23.05, Kowloon Amb. Div. 23.05-23.09, Kowloon Amb. Div. 23.09-23.13, Kowloon Amb. Div. 23.13-23.17, Kowloon Amb. Div. 23.17-23.21, Kowloon Amb. 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DANISH REDS THREATEN MASS RESIGNATIONS FROM COMMUNIST PARTY

Copenhagen, Jan. 16.

Members of Denmark's 10,000-member strong Communist Party are rolling up their sleeves for the biggest fight within their ranks since World War II. The issue is Soviet intervention in Hungary.

Strife began when Soviet troops intervened in Hungary at the beginning of November and has in recent weeks developed into an open battle between those who favour Soviet policy in Hungary and those who oppose it. Several prominent Communists, among them Carl Widtkin, a member of the 39-man Central Committee, have resigned from the party, while others have been summarily expelled.

The final outcome of the struggle will be decided at an extraordinary Congress which is to meet on January 18.

Main Reason

The main reason for calling this Congress, the 19th in the party's history, is the likelihood of there being general elections in Denmark this spring. Although the term of the present Social Democratic minority Government does not expire until the autumn, it is widely believed here that the Government will wish to take advantage of the recent decrease in Communist prestige and get the country to the polls in April or May.

At the last general election, in 1953, the Communists gained 63,284 votes, which gave them eight seats out of the 179 in the Danish Parliament. In 1945, when Communist influence was at its peak, the corresponding figures were 255,230 and 18 seats.

Some of the Conservative newspapers have this year predicted such a drop in Communist votes that the party will be unable to achieve even 60,000 votes, which under Danish law is necessary for Parliamentary representation.

The main tasks of the central leadership of the Communist Party at the forthcoming Congress will thus be either to appease or quell the opposition, and to hammer out an election programme acceptable to wavering supporters. Failure to do these things would seal the political fate of the present leader of the party, Mr Aksel Larsen, who as a veteran "Stalinist" has publicly supported Soviet action in Hungary.

25th Anniversary

Mr Larsen is this year due to celebrate his 25th anniversary as leader of the party and also as Communist Member of Parliament. He is reported to have a strong hold on the central corps of his party, but has recently compromised himself among its extreme members by allegedly "rubbing his hands in glee and shouting 'Now we will have a go at them'" when a report, later proved erroneous, that the Soviet Union had delivered an ultimatum to Britain and France, was brought to him during a party meeting.

If Mr Larsen's view of the events in Hungary is accepted by the Congress as the party's official attitude, political observers here expect mass resignations from party membership. It has even been rumoured that the defectors would create a new radical left-wing party.

Doctors Rushed To Assist Seamen

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 16.
 The Coast Guard cutter Cherokee, with three doctors aboard, was sent today to aid four seriously injured seamen aboard the American freighter Exchange, about 350 miles off Cape Henry, Va.

A Coast Guard spokesman here said the freighter radioed the Coast Guard about noon that the four seamen had been injured while the vessel wallowed in heavy seas. The freighter, en route to India with a general cargo, did not identify the seamen or say how they were injured.

The ship's message said one of the men had a broken leg and ankle and a possible skull fracture; one suffered head injuries; another had lacerations of the head and internal injuries and the fourth suffered possible internal and head injuries.

The Coast Guard said the Cherokee was expected to rendezvous with the freighter at about 1030 GMT Thursday.—United Press.

On the other hand, should the "Larsenists" be defeated, a more liberal group of men would replace them and inject into the party leadership a spirit of nationalism akin to that of the Polish and Yugoslav parties.

The open revolt within the Communist Party began on November 3 when a number of Communist intellectuals presented a secret address to the Executive Committee, criticising "the unsuccessful policies of international communism" and labelling Soviet intervention in Hungary as "the most tragic consequence hitherto of this policy."

Fallacious

Soon afterwards, Denmark's leading left-wing intellectual who is a veteran supporter of the Communist Party here, Professor Mogens Fog, published an article in which he stated that the Soviet Union, by sending troops into Hungary, had "endangered world peace" and that the accounts issued by the Danish Communist party about the situation were "fallacious." Professor Fog, who is not a member of the party, also accused the central leadership of trying to enforce party discipline on the Hungarian question by labelling members with opposing views as "petty bourgeois elements" and "the errand boys of fascism."

Mr Aksel Larsen has publicly denied these allegations, stating that "the suggestion that on the question of Hungary there is an opposition which the central leadership is trying to quell is false."

Professor Fog was, however, supported by one of the party's oldest members, Mr Edvard

Helberg, who recently declared that the forthcoming Congress must "do away with undemocratic regulations" within the party which, at the moment, is "a military machine of which all commands must be obeyed."

Mr Helberg's statement was published in a special discussion pamphlet which is being issued once weekly together with the Communist daily newspaper Land og Folk to give members a chance to air their opinions before the Congress opens.

The issue of such pamphlets, which is unique in the history of the party, was insisted on by the opposition and forced through amid strong protests from the "Larsenists."

The pamphlets have also contained violent attacks on the manner in which Land og Folk handled news about recent events in Hungary. One contributor declared that it was "ridiculous" that, for example, neither Picasso's protest to the French Communists, nor the Icelandic Communists' denunciation of Soviet action in Hungary were reported in the Danish Communist press.

Confusion

Another Communist demonstration, which Land og Folk chose to ignore and which sums up the confusion among Communists here on the eve of the Congress, was a statement made by the leader of the Copenhagen Masons' Union, who is also a member of the Executive Committee, in the union's trade journal, Murensvenner.

The statement, after referring to the Soviet Union's "surprising and incredible" action in Hungary, concluded: "We demand an explanation." — China Mail Special.

No, He's Not From Mars



Looks like science-fiction-style invader from outer space, but in reality he's one of the workers on the underground pipes which carry high pressure steam to an aircraft works in California, USA. His gloves are asbestos-lined, and his shiny insulated suit wards off the heat from the steam pipes. Under his arms he carries a portable pump which provides air to keep his suit cooler, and the rope round his waist is a safety measure. His head is covered by a heat-resistant hood. — Express Photo.

Floods Disaster

Sanja Cruz De La Palma, Jan. 16.
 Five persons have been drowned and another 30 are missing in serious floods which have devastated La Palma island in the Canaries, during the last 24 hours, it was reported here tonight.
 In the village of Las Breañas, 19 houses have been swept away by the flood-waters and all their inhabitants are missing. — France-Press.

PUERTO RICO WANTS DIRECT AIR LINK WITH EUROPE

San Juan, Puerto Rico, Jan. 16.

Puerto Rico, sometimes called the Gibraltar of the West Indies, could become the gateway between the old and the new world, if expanded air services provide the transport needed in this Commonwealth under the American flag to attract European investment capital and link it directly by air with Latin America, Spain, Portugal and other European nations.

European manufacturers are already responding to a recent drive by the Economic Development Administration to encourage them to come to Puerto Rico.

The Puerto Rican Government has urged the United States Civil Aeronautics Board to approve San Juan as the "gateway and co-terminal" for a new trans-Atlantic air route to Lisbon, Madrid and Rome and to make recommendations in favour of granting an application by Pan-American World Airways for a certificate to inaugurate a direct trans-Atlantic service to southern Europe via San Juan.

Foundation

"The aeroplane is the foundation upon which Puerto Rico has built its new economy and on which it bases its future hopes," a written statement to the Board declared.

The statement put forward officially three arguments for an expanded air service.

1. Puerto Ricans have strong and ancient ties with countries lying on the San Juan-Lisbon-Madrid-Rome route for the following reasons:
 "Through various stages of political, economic and social transformation, the Puerto Ricans have retained strong ties with the old world while developing their relationships with the new. Puerto Rico sends some 600 students a year to European Universities.

Such an air service, it is added, would cut the San Juan-Madrid flying time to less than 15 hours, and San Juan-Rome to less than 18 hours.—China Mail Special.

Visitors

"Its University, where the Nobel Prize winner, Senor Juan Ramon Jimenez, is Professor of Spanish, conducts annual tours

to Spain and France as well as making grants to enable students to study in those countries. Hundreds of European tourists visit Puerto Rico each year."

2. United States interest calls for an air transport system based on Puerto Rico's special position as gateway between the old and the new world.

"Practically all the islands of the Caribbean and parts of Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, Panama and Central America, are closer to Madrid and Lisbon through San Juan than through New York." San Juan's 16,000,000-dollar international airport is equipped to take modern airliners, and is closer to Europe for travellers from the Caribbean area than any other base under the American flag.

3. "The postwar success of Puerto Rico in attracting raw industries to the island was attributed in large part to the fast, inexpensive air service."

Cat Time

Several other reasons are urged in favour of this new air service, which, as a conservative estimate could be expected to carry 10,000 passengers a year at the start. This would make it appear an economically sound proposition. The proposed route would also "enhance the opportunities of Puerto Rico to act as a cultural bridge between the rest of the United States and southern Europe."

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Terrorists Killed Officer

Algiers, Jan. 16.

A French staff officer was killed and two guards wounded by a terrorist-provoked explosion which took place in the office of the aide of General Raoul Salan, Commander-in-Chief of the French forces in Algeria.

The headquarters office had previously been occupied by the former Commander-in-Chief, General Henri Mordacq, who was relieved by General Salan. When he took over, the new commander changed his office to another room in the same building, in the centre of the European quarter of Algiers, and his aide moved into the old commander's office.

GUARDS INJURED
 The aide, whose name was not given, was killed in the explosion, and two guards, who were in the room, were injured, neither of them seriously. Colonel Basset, who was also in the office, escaped without injury.

Military investigators soon found out how the attempt had been carried out when they discovered a firing mechanism in the roof of a building facing the office.

Although the nature of this weapon was kept a strict official secret, it was understood here that it consisted of two Bazookas tied together and secured to the roof. It was believed they were fired by means of a trigger wire by someone in a courtyard below. — France-Press.

Israel Border Clash: Two Arabs Killed

Jerusalem, Jan. 16.

Two Arab infiltrators were killed by Israeli forces today in sharp clashes inside the borders of Israel, a military spokesman announced here.

The Jordanian infiltrators had been surprised early this morning near the village of Peditim, 18 kilometres northwest of Beer-sheva. Another band was discovered near Urtin Village, not far away.

Colonel Brosh said both bands traded shots with police patrols before melting away into the darkness. One man from each band was killed. No Israeli casualties were reported. — United Press.

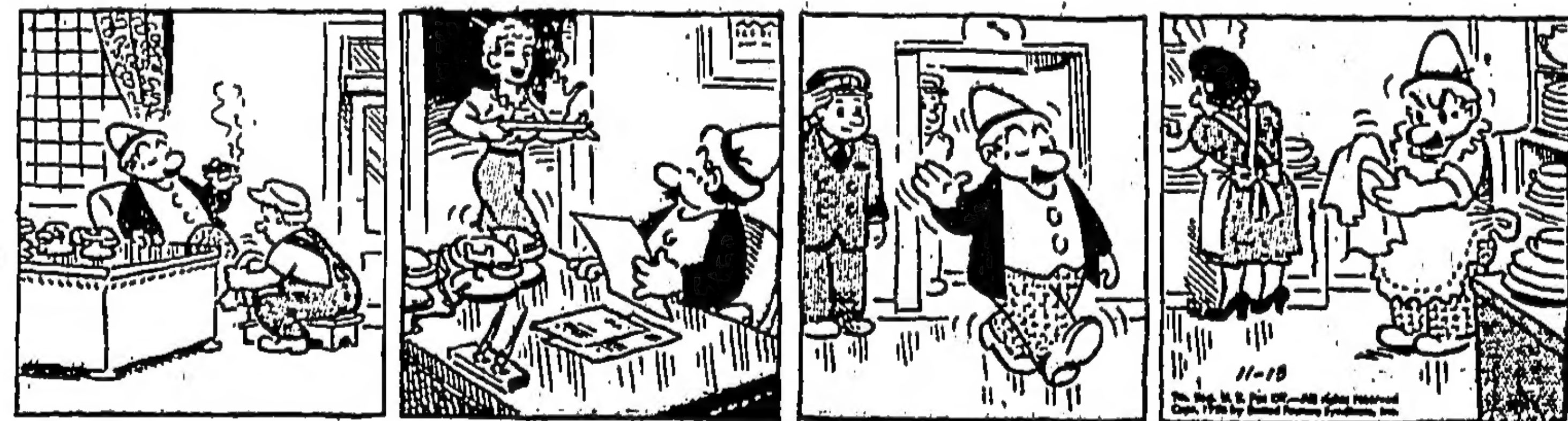
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PRIVATE FIGHT

THE policeman was patrolling his West End beat on the fringe of Soho. The evening was quiet; no stabbings, no fusillades of shots, no sign of crime beyond the occasional motorcars parked in forbidden places. Suddenly a man ran from round a corner, saw the policeman and headed for him. "Come quickly," the man cried, "there's a boy being beaten up."

The policeman sprinted into action, following the other to a church hall. "It's in there, in the youth club," the stranger said, pointing to the hall.

BOYS AND GIRLS

THE policeman thrust through a crowd of young people in the corridor that led to the main hall. "Now then, turn it in, we don't want any coppers here," a sturdy, dark, good-looking 18-year-old named Peter said, and tried to halt the policeman's progress.

But the officer went on, inside the hall two boys were fighting. A crowd of girls surrounded them, trying to drag them apart. "Now then," the policeman said, "The crowd round the fighters parted at sight of the uniform."

PETER-PAUL

THE policeman tried to prise the contestants apart, but made little progress because of the attention of Peter, who did all he could to hamper him. Another officer arrived, the fight was broken up and an uneasy armistice imposed. Peter found himself held. "I'm arresting you," the policeman said, "for wilfully obstructing me in the execution of my duty."

He led the youth to the street, as he did to another, a tall boy named Paul, came up. "Here, you're not taking my mate away," he said.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

"Go away and don't be silly," the officer said. "I'm only trying to help," said Paul and made as if to free his friend from the law's firm hold. His too, was arrested for obstructing the police.

At Great Marlborough Street, the two 18-year-olds both headed guilty, and the story of their arrest was told to Mr Paul Bennett, VC.

"You say this was a youth club, were these two members?" the magistrate asked.

"No, they were guests at a birthday party being held there."

"BUSTING IN"

"Well, I can't make top nor tail of it," said the magistrate. "What was the fight about? You were called in to stop?"

"I think it was just a drunken brawl. There were beer bottles all over the place."

The magistrate turned to Peter, and asked what he had to say.

"Well, I thought the officer was busting into the party," he said, sounding aggrieved as a hostess might, charged with ejecting guest-crashers.

"But this was a uniformed police officer."

"Yes, sir, but it was a private party. I thought you could invite anyone to a private party—and sling anyone out."

The magistrate sighed, as one might who detects new trends in etiquette that do not immediately commend themselves.

He fined the two boys 40s. each, and they left looking sad and puzzled, as though they felt things had come to a pretty pass when privacy was invaded as theirs had been.

Dead Man's Winning Pool Ticket

Florence, Jan. 16. The body of a Florentine stone-mason will not after all be exhumed to find out if he was buried with a winning coupon in a football pool.

The stone-mason died a week ago just after handing in a coupon. His family believed the counterfoil was in the suit he was buried in. But today the police received an anonymous letter stating that the sender had the winning coupon and the counterfoil had been lodged in a bank pending collection of the money—China Mail Special.

Probe Into Raising Of Crude Oil Prices

Washington, Jan. 16.

Senator Joseph O'Mahoney (Democrat) said tonight that "an inflationary chain reaction" was set off when Humble Oil and Refining Co. recently raised crude oil prices in Texas.

Mr O'Mahoney predicted that the situation would become worse, unless a way was found to supply oil to fuel-starved Europe "without upsetting our economy."

Humble, a subsidiary of Standard Oil of New Jersey, recently raised its crude oil prices in Texas an average of 35 cents a barrel. This was followed by crude price increases by other large firms and a resulting increase in petrol prices.

The Justice Department is investigating to see if oil firms illegally conspired to raise crude prices, and the Federal Trade Commission also may launch an inquiry if it receives indications of collusion among oil concerns.

SOME CUTS

In the meantime, Continental Oil Co. announced today that it would cut its posted price for crude ten cents a barrel in North and West Central Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and the Rocky Mountain States.

A reduction of five cents a barrel in New Mexico from the 35-cent increase posted earlier this month also was announced by Conoco's executive vice-president, Charles Perlit. Mr Perlit said the reductions were made in order to meet competitive prices. But Standard Oil Company of California tonight announced a half-cent, gallon increase in the retail price of gasoline in California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Nevada, Alaska and Hawaii, effective tomorrow.

The Company said the increase was caused by the general increases in crude and produce prices recently effected in other parts of the United States and the Western Hemisphere.

Senator O'Mahoney said a sub-committee of the Senate Interior Committee and the Judiciary Committee, which has

not yet formally organized, were gathering information on the price rises.

As soon as the Judiciary Committee organizes, he said, it will be possible to call witnesses and "lay the situation before Congress and the public."

Senator O'Mahoney attributed the crude rises to the present programme of supplying oil to Europe through the Middle East Emergency Committee, made up of representatives of 15 major US oil companies.

He has called for representation on the Committee by all segments of the oil industry and not just the larger firms with foreign interests. Senator O'Mahoney said the US consumer and not the Treasury was now being hit hardest by the programme.—United Press.

Hypnotist's Offer To Judge

Milwaukee, Jan. 16.

A hypnotist, accused of stealing another man's wife by telling her they were married in a previous life, offered today to hypnotise her into staying with her husband.

Jacob Apfel, the 50-year-old alleged Svengali, said he "would take the imaginary harness" off Mrs Sylvester Werra in Court tomorrow if the judge wished.

Apfel is being sued for \$20,000 on allegation of affection fraud committed by a fellow machine shop worker, Sylvester Werra. Werra charged that Apfel put Mrs Werra in a trance and convinced her they were married in a previous life in 1978. The hypnotist also instructed Mrs Werra not to have anything to do with her husband, Werra charged.

JURY EXCUSED

Judge Harvey Neelen temporarily excused the 15-man jury and called Werra and Apfel and their lawyers into the Court's chambers.

Apfel, who claims he is a "self-made hypnotist" with a big library of "serious" books, denied that he "controlled" Mrs Werra's life. An intelligent person cannot be controlled under hypnosis, he said.

Judge Neelen asked Apfel if he believed he was married to Mrs Werra in a previous life. "I believed it, but it didn't come from me," Apfel answered. He claimed he was merely the agent putting Mrs Werra into a "reverie state," but anything she thought originated in her own mind.

Apfel said he would "gladly" hypnotise Mrs Werra and tell her she was not to see him any more if the judge would witness the "session"—United Press.

Gold Smuggler Fined

Found guilty of importing gold without a license, 44-year-old dockyard labourer, Arthur Tak, was fined \$1,000 by Mr Derek Cons at Central Magistrate's Court this morning.

Revenue Inspector L. Dunning informed the Court that defendant came in from Macao on board the my Fatshan early on the morning of November 20, 1956.

Taken into the searching room, a revenue officer found inside his shoes six gold bars weighing 59.0 tael.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



JONES TRIAL: COUNSEL'S FINAL SUBMISSIONS

The trial of G. O. Jones, Manager of the Lantau Development Co., charged with fraudulent conversion and larceny of 47 gold bars, reached its concluding stages before Judge K. R. Macfee at the Victoria District Court this morning, when Mr D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel, made his final submissions.

Jones who pleaded not guilty to the charges had testified yesterday that he took the gold-bars found in his junk for the purpose of "forcing certain matters into the open."

He is represented by Mr J. R. Oliver, of Messrs Deacons, Mr Victor Lam, of Ford, Kwan and Co., is holding a watching brief on behalf of the Wing Cheong Money Changers to whom the gold was allegedly sold and from whom it was later seized by the Police.

In his submissions, Mr Greenfield said it was customary first to quote the law relating to the case and then refer to the facts of the case. He said there were a few points of law to which he would like to draw the Court's attention.

Mr Greenfield then dealt with the regulations in connection with the importation of gold and referred to a person who had given any assistance in the prevention of the apprehension, trial or punishment of another person committing an offence.

LARCENY CHARGE

Dealing with the larceny charge, Mr Greenfield said the different natures and the most prominent could be larceny by bailment. The Prosecution, Mr Greenfield continued, relied principally on that aspect of larceny by bailment and he would also mention the possibility of larceny by trick and the possibility of obtaining gold or its value by false pretences.

Counsel then quoted authorities on charges of larceny and fraudulent conversion.

Dealing with the case where a person, being charged with fraudulent conversion, came into possession of property not from the owner but from someone else, Mr Greenfield quoted another authority, and submitted that if the property was obtained under the circumstances whereby that person became entrusted with or a receiver of the property and fraudulently converted it, he had committed an offence of fraudulent conversion.

POSSIBLE VERSIONS

Dealing with the facts of the case, Mr Greenfield said there were three possible versions on the facts: the version given by the Prosecution, the version by the Defence, and it was always possible for the Court to "steer a midway" between the two.

Mr Sin Tun, Mr Greenfield submitted, was a servant of Mr Lo Yuet-tung, and was entrusted with the gold to deal with it. He had thus formed a limited ownership of the gold, Counsel submitted. And in that position, he, Mr Sin, could pass the ownership to the accused. Even if Mr Sin was not the owner of the gold, he could still entrust the gold to the accused and receive the property later, though the owner knew nothing about this operation.

Mr Sin, Counsel, submitted, was capable of passing the

SENIOR POLICE OFFICER SAYS

NO INDUCEMENT OR THREAT HELD OUT TO ACCUSED

Mr W. B. Scragg, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation (Police Headquarters), said at the trial of five men charged with the murder of Mrs Ursula Ernst, this morning that, as far as he was aware, no inducement or threat had been made to the fourth accused by anyone.

Another witness, a detective constable, said in cross-examination that he did not see Divisional Detective Inspector W. Watson hit that accused with his belt or slap him.

The five accused are charged before Mr Justice, A. D. Scholes and a Special Jury. The accused are: Tan Sang, 28, unemployed; Man Chun-yau, 26, unemployed; Choi Kwok-fai, 27, unemployed; Li Chuen, 31, hawker; and Lee Shu-wen, 28, earth cooler. They are defended by Mr Terence Shurlock, instructed by P. Ho and Co.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Mr Scragg. DPC Ma Kan was questioned by the Defence this morning on a conversation he had with fourth accused at the Yau-mat Police Station on October 23.

Ma agreed he had asked fourth accused if he could see himself in the photograph of the scene of the taxi incident, in which Mrs Ernst was fatally burned.

MADE NO THREAT

Ma said he did not threaten fourth accused in any way, nor did he at any time hold out to him anything in the nature of a promise of inducement. Mr Shurlock told witness that it had been put to Inspector Watson that the latter used violence on fourth accused. Asked if he saw this, Ma said he did not.

Further questioned, Ma said he did not see Inspector Watson throw the photograph down and slap the accused. He did not see him take off his belt and beat accused with it.

If these things had happened, witness said, he would have seen them.

Mr Scragg testified that he charged first, second and third accused through an interpreter with murder at the Shamshulpo Police Station CID Office on October 22. He charged fourth accused on October 24.

On all these occasions, witness said, Inspector Watson was present.

NO COMPLAINT

As far as he was aware, there was no inducement or threat made to fourth accused by anyone. Accused did not make any complaint to him about any inducement or threat.

Mr Scragg said that he charged fifth accused on November 8. On this occasion, Inspector Watson was absent. Inspector Laurel was present.

Witness said he was present throughout the committal proceedings. There were originally six accused, but one was discharged by the Magistrate.

Mr Shurlock asked Mr Scragg if the position was that the Police did not arrest anyone on a murder charge unless they had cogent evidence against him.

Witness said that was usually the case, although not necessarily.

He agreed the Police usually had strong evidence before arresting a man on a murder charge; and that normally there would be no delay in charging him.

Mr Shurlock pointed out that first accused was arrested on

October 15, but was not charged until October 22.

Asked to explain this delay, Mr Scragg said that as a result of the riots that started on the 10th, the Government brought out emergency regulations giving the Police the power to arrest and detain for 14 days without bringing him before a Magistrate, any person believed to have been concerned in the riots.

Witness said he was temporarily sent over to Shamshulpo to supervise enquiries into the murder. He decided on October 22 to charge first, second and third accused with it. He was able to take a few days over it because of the emergency powers.

Normally, the Police, when arresting a person, may not detain him for over 48 hours before bringing him before a Magistrate, he added.

Mr Scragg agreed that an extension of the 14-day period under the emergency powers could be applied for. As far as he knew, those powers were still in force.

Witness agreed further that it was possible to detain a man under these regulations for an indefinite period.

ABNORMAL TIMES

Mr Shurlock asked if Mr Scragg would agree that seven days was a long period in which to charge first, second and third accused with it. Mr Scragg replied that would normally be so, but he said those were abnormal times.

Asked why, in the case of fourth accused, he was charged the day after his arrest, witness said that while he first went to Shamshulpo Station he knew nothing of the case. In the days following his arrival and the charging of first, second and third accused, his duties included making himself familiar with the facts of the case.

By the time fourth accused was arrested, on October 23, he was in a position to give early instructions in the case of this accused.

Asked by the Jury if he was aware of any bruises on the wrist of fourth accused at the time he was charged, Mr Scragg said he was well aware of them. He saw Dr. Teoh examine the accused.

Hearing is proceeding.

PAKISTANI ON TWO CHARGES

A Pakistani, Mohamed Salim Khan, 27, was this morning remanded three days in police custody on a charge of importing 14 packages of raw opium.

The defendant was arrested at 4 p.m. on January 15 at Kai Tak. He faced two charges, the first for possession of dangerous drugs and the second for importing raw opium. No plea was taken.

He arrived in Hongkong by plane from Karachi.

Explosion Kills 3

Liberal, Kansas, Jan. 17.

Three people were killed on Wednesday when an explosion occurred in the compressor of a natural gas pipeline near here. Twelve people were injured.

France-Press.

Former Police Inspector's Ashes Scattered On Club Grounds

A brief, solemn service was conducted by the Rev. J.E. Sandbach at the Hongkong Police Recreation Club, Happy Valley, this morning when the ashes of the late Inspector G.S. Alexander were scattered in accordance with the wish of his widow.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr A.C. Maxwell, and more than 80 officers in uniform and plainclothes attended the service.

Following prayers and the reading of Psalm 23, the Rev. Sandbach received a silver casket containing the ashes of the late Mr. Alexander from Chief Inspector J. Hayward. Mr Sandbach then scattered the ashes into a cross-shaped cavity in

the ground near the hedge on the west side of the Club grounds.

On the conclusion of the service, the Commissioner of Police, followed by the other police officers, marched up to the cavity and saluted in honour of their deceased fellow-officer.

Mr Alexander joined the Hongkong Police Force in 1927. He was interned at Stanley

during the Pacific War. In 1940, he was promoted to Inspector. Three years later, because of ill-health, a consequence of his internment, he was invalided from the service in January 1949, and retired to Australia.

He died in Melbourne on September 10 last year. He was born in Dundee, Scotland.



Bill Haley and his Comets are going on a tour of Britain. Worried faces will greet him as he moves from town to town because when his film "Rock Around the Clock" was shown there were demonstrations in many of the big towns and cinemas were quite badly damaged.

A personal appearance might well prove to be more inflammatory and although Haley is to have a body guard throughout the tour, I imagine some of the theatre managers will be wondering whether they shouldn't have one too.

Bill will be just one of many rock and roll groups who will be rousing British audiences in the first few months of the year. Freddy Bell and the Bellboys will be there soon and the Platters are on their way too. It is also rumoured that Elvis Presley will be in Britain about April.

Strange to think that despite the sudden popularity of the new rhythm the old timer Mantovani is still selling more records than the rest.

MORE MONRO

I am grateful to two readers for more news of Terry Parsons, how he liked Matt Monroe. This young singer, recently signed as the resident singer with the BBC Show Band, was in Hongkong as a REME craftsman for some time in 1952 and 1953. Many remember his local broadcasts and I would like to quote a line or two from the clippings received.

One is from the Daily Sketch and in Ker Robertson's column "DISCOVERIES" the following words from record boss Dick Rowe are used about Matt Monroe: "He is a natural. We can't teach him anything. He has his own sense of phrasing and a completely relaxed style. He's a Dick Haymes but smoother, less intense."

Terry is married now as some of his friends in the Colony already know. I liked the remark made by his blonde wife Mrs. "I've told him I don't want much. Just go out and get us a fortune." By "us" Mrs. meant herself and the young son that she and Terry have. I don't think she will be disappointed.

CROSBY JUNIOR

Another visitor to Britain in the near future will be Gary Crosby, eldest son of the original Gary, who will be arriving some time in March and will make two appearances on television during his first week.

Gary's visit is intended primarily as a holiday and he will make no other appearances apart from these two.

Young Mr Crosby is in the American army and is stationed in Germany. When he joined up about seven months ago he was assigned to duty and the American Forces Network radio station in Frankfurt and from that station operates as a disc-jockey and programme producer. Gary also sings with a German band as part of his duties and I imagine there are few American soldiers who enjoy their job as much as he does.

GOODMAN GROUSES

I have been surprised to hear quite a few people complain about the performance given by the Benny Goodman band during their recent visit. Quite a few singled out Benny for criticism and the man the maestro has little or no stage personality and he seemed to take the whole affair far too easily.

I agree that Benny does not sparkle on stage but I do not agree that he took things easily. His music is not the type to inspire a lot of jumping around and he is such a well established musician that quite naturally he is more reserved than one who has still to sell his personality.

His clarinet playing was not the best I have heard from him, but then, as I mentioned in last week's column, the best way to hear any band is on record.

Whether his band was up to the standard of previous ones is another point that has been argued, but I do not propose entering on either side.

I enjoyed the shows I saw and am very pleased that they were so well attended. They were not, however, the best shows I have ever seen.